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A host of new skills for Iraqi guard graduates

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An Iraqi National Guard recruit demonstrates individual movement techniques at the ING Training Academy in Tikrit, Iraq. On Saturday, 309 recruits became the first class to graduate from the 20-day course conducted by both U.S. and Iraqi instructors. The academy is the only one in the area of operations for the 1st Infantry Division-led Task Force Danger. The course is designed after U.S. Army basic training, but also uses the Iraqi army's marching and saluting, practices and weapons familiarization on the AK-47.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Charges against Enron founder: Enron Corp. founder and former chairman Kenneth Lay said he is sorry for causing so much commotion, but blamed the media for making matters worse, in an e-mail to his 1960 high school graduation class in Columbia, Mo.

Lay sent the message to a classmate Wednesday — a day before pleading innocent to charges of fraud, conspiracy and making false statements to banks.

Enron crashed in 2001, putting more than 5,000 employees out of work. Thousands of workers who heavily invested in Enron stock also lost their retirement savings.

"I apologize for causing so much commotion," Lay wrote to classmate Kay Baird. "It appears that the media continues to be interested in my welfare."

Mad cow rules: Consumer groups are upset the government is delaying rules intended to keep the infectious agent for mad cow from getting into the feed given to livestock.

Industry groups say the Food and Drug Administration should take its time.

The agency said Friday it wanted to consider additional restrictions to feed proposals announced in January.

The proposals would strengthen a 1997 rule that says cattle feed cannot contain protein made from other cattle. The goal is to prevent aberrant proteins known as prions, which are blamed for the brain-wasting disease, from being transmitted through feed.

Worcester fire legal battle: A settlement has been announced in a legal battle over the payment of lawyers' fees from a trust fund established for the survivors of one of six Worcester, Mass., firefighters killed in a 1999 warehouse blaze.

The suit was filed three years ago by the three sons of Lt. Timothy P. Jackson Sr., after the Worcester Telegram & Gazette Charitable Foundation refused to disburse the Jackson family's share of more than \$6 million in charitable donations raised for the survivors of the men killed.

Jackson was among the six firefighters who died in the fire that began Dec. 3, 1999, at the Worcester Cold Storage and Warehouse Co. building.

War on terrorism

Iraq war intelligence: Prime Minister Tony Blair's claim before the Iraq war that Saddam Hussein could rapidly launch chemical or biological attacks has been criticized by two former intelligence agents in an interview in London, to be broadcast Sunday.

John Morrison, the former deputy chief of the Defense Intelligence Staff, told the British Broadcasting Corp. TV program "Panorama" that he could "almost hear the collective raspberry going up around Whitehall," when Blair told

lawmakers that the threat from Iraq was serious and current.



Blair



Korean families reunion: North Korean Yun Byung Chul, 80, right, touches the cheek of his South Korean daughter Yun Sun-won, 58, as they share smiles during the 10th reunion meeting on the Diamond Mountain in North Korea on Sunday. Yun Sun-won was among 471 South Koreans who visited North Korea to reunite their relatives for the first time in more than half a century.

A statement that Iraq could launch attacks on notice of just 45 minutes was made four times in an intelligence dossier published by Blair's government in September 2002, as it built its case for war in Iraq.

World

Serbia peacekeeping mission: NATO-led peacekeepers have released six ethnic Albanians detained after a gunman slightly wounded four Finnish soldiers in Serbia-Montenegro, an official said Sunday.

The peacekeepers sustained shotgun pellet wounds to their arms and legs from a shot fired late Saturday as they were patrolling near the town of Lipjan, some 20 miles south of the province's capital, Pristina.

Six people detained at the scene were released after they were questioned, said Capt. Thomas Magnusson, a spokesman for the peacekeepers in central Kosovo. The gunman remained at large and the investigation was ongoing.

Congo fighting: Congo soldiers clashed with a band of Congo-based Rwandan rebels near the Rwanda border, killing 10 of the insurgents, a Congolese officer said Sunday.

The fighting happened Saturday at Rubare, 30 miles north of the Congo city of Goma, an officer in the region said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Three Congolese soldiers were injured, he said.

There was no immediate confirmation from the U.N. mission in Congo, which has 10,800 troops deployed in the central African country.

Pro-democracy president in Serbia: Serbia's first pro-democracy president since World War II took office Sunday, vowing to bring stability to the Balkan republic and push it closer to the European Union and NATO.

Boris Tadic, 46, leader of opposition Democratic Party, was elected in a June 27 run-

off, defeating a hard-line nationalist ally of former President Slobodan Milosevic.

Although the office is mostly ceremonial, Tadic's election was seen as a signal of Serbia's desires to move closer with the EU and NATO and to move away from the nationalist isolation of Milosevic's autocratic legacy.

Olympic security: Frustrated by delays, the Greek government has postponed payment on a multimillion-dollar security system being built by an American-led consortium for the Summer Olympics, according to media reports.

The final installment of \$173 million has been put on hold due to government concerns about whether the security system will be ready for the Aug. 13 opening of the games in Athens, the daily *Tau* News reported Saturday.

The consortium, led by the San Diego-based Science Applications International Corp., or SAIC, is responsible for installing thousands of infrared and high-resolution cameras around the capital and Olympic venues, as well as a secure communication and information and radio system for security services.

Germany nail bombing: German authorities said Saturday that they released a suspect in a nail bombing last month in a Cologne street that injured 22 people, citing a lack of evidence to connect him to the crime.

The man, a 23-year-old German who once lived in Cologne, was arrested Friday morning in western Germany on a tip.

The man's alibi put him away from the scene of the crime, and there is nothing now to link him to the scene, police spokesman Wolfgang Beus said Saturday.

Police have said the bomb — a gas canister filled with gunpowder and nails — was likely in a backpack strapped to a bicycle left in front of the two buildings in a Turkish immigrant neighborhood.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

Messages of Support

★ I would just like to give a message of support to all the British and American troops. I don't know anyone personally out there fighting but I still want to give my support to all the troops and their families back home. I would also like to give my deepest sympathy for all

troops that were killed and to their families. In my eyes you are all heroes, I just hope that it is over as soon as possible and that everyone can come home, celebrate and be safe. I SUPPORT YOU ALL, YOU ARE ALL HEROES. THANK YOU. LOADS OF LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM ME AND ALL I KNOW, BECKY

★ Michael Cooper, I don't know if you will get this or not but I am going to send out my prayers and wish to you to come home safe and sound. Ginger

★ Thank you for fighting for us, you are all heroes. God bless America

Al-Zarqawi claims deadly Samarra attacks

By DANICA KIRKA
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A militant group linked to Jordanian terrorist suspect Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility Sunday for a recent attack on a military headquarters in Samarra that killed five U.S. soldiers and one Iraqi National Guardsman.

The claim by al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad movement, which was posted on a Web site known for being a clearinghouse for such statements, claimed that dozens of Americans and hundreds of Iraqis died in Thursday's assault. The U.S. military has said insurgents detonated a car bomb and then fired mortars at the building used jointly by the 1st Infantry Division and Iraqi guardsmen.

"One of the lions of the martyrs' brigade, entered the building and destroyed it completely, plus six Hummers, including those who were inside them, thank God," the al-Zarqawi group said in its statement.

As soldiers tried to escape from the building, "the soldiers of God were waiting for them and rained those who came with mortar shells," the statement said.

The accuracy of the group's account could not be verified.

The five 1st ID soldiers killed in the attack had not been identified. Also Sunday, a roadside bomb targeting a U.S. patrol near the city of Samarra killed two U.S. soldiers and wounded three others, the military said in a statement.

The soldiers, from the 1st ID, were wounded when an improvised explosive device blew up near their convoy about 4:30 p.m., the statement said.

A coordinated roadside bomb attack on a U.S. convoy in northern Iraq on Sunday killed a U.S. soldier and an Iraqi civilian, the military said.

The attack, in which one soldier also was wounded, began Sunday in Beiji about 90 miles south of the northern city of Mosul when a bomb exploded at the side of the road, the military said in a statement. A ve-



A liquor store employee inspects a vehicle damaged when unknown assailants attacked a liquor store in Baghdad on Sunday. Three liquor stores in Baquba were blown up on Saturday, prompting concern that Islamic militants may be trying to impose their strict interpretation of Islam there.

hicle then raced toward the patrol and fired on the soldiers, who returned fire, killing the driver, the military said.

On Saturday, four U.S. Marines died in a vehicle accident while conducting security operations in an area of western Iraq, the U.S. command said Sunday.

The Marines died in Anbar, a Sunni-dominated area west of the Iraqi capital that includes Ramadi. Fallujah and Qaim on the Syrian border. They were assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

On the same day, U.S. Marines clashed with guerrillas taking cover at a taxi stand in a stronghold of support for Saddam's ousted regime, killing three people and wounding five, military and hospital officials said.

Insurgents clad in black attacked the Marines in the city of Ramadi, a hotbed of

anti-coalition sentiment. U.S. forces returned fire, blasting the stand into a twisted pile of molten metal. Blood pooled on the asphalt. At least one child was wounded in the crossfire.

Also Saturday, masked attackers gunned down Sunni cleric Abdul-Majeed al-Jina'i and his driver near a mosque in the southern city of Basra, police 1st Lt. Ahmed Abdul-Hameed said. The bodies were discovered Sunday.

In Baquba, north of Baghdad, about 100 protesters marched through the shopping district Sunday chanting pro-Saddam slogans, waving rifles and carrying posters of the former leader.

Insurgents blew up three liquor stores in Baquba on Saturday, prompting concern that Islamic militants may be trying to impose their strict interpretation of Islam there, witnesses said. The blasts killed a

passing taxi driver, said Dr. Nassir Jawad from Baquba General Hospital.

Also in Baquba, insurgents detonated two roadside bombs Saturday as a U.S. patrol passed. Two soldiers and one civilian were wounded in the incidents. All were evacuated to a combat hospital, said Maj. Neal O'Brien, the spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division.

Meanwhile, the fate of captured Filipino worker Angelo dela Cruz remained unclear. His captors demanded that the Philippine government withdraw its 51-member force from Iraq by Saturday or dela Cruz would be beheaded. Another 4,100 Filipinos work as key contractors on U.S. bases.

The Philippines foreign secretary said Sunday the country will not withdraw its troops from Iraq sooner than their scheduled Aug. 20 departure as demanded by militants threatening to behead dela Cruz.

Officials in the Philippines said Saturday that dela Cruz was about to be freed. But a diplomat familiar with the talks in Baghdad remained cautious, and the al-Jazeera television station, which broadcast the original tape showing dela Cruz surrounded by armed men, said it received a statement Saturday night from the group denying he had been freed and calling him a "prisoner of war." "We continue to do everything we can in order to secure the release of Angelo dela Cruz," Foreign Secretary Dela Albert said Sunday.

In the statement, the group calling itself the Iraqi Islamic Army-Khaleel bin Al-Waleed Corps gave the Philippines an extension until Sunday night, according to al-Jazeera.

Meanwhile, Bulgaria expressed hope that two Bulgarian truck drivers also kidnapped by militants were still alive.

Al-Zarqawi's group threatened to kill the men if the United States did not release all Iraqi detainees — an ultimatum that has expired.

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomon Pasi suggested Saturday that the men were still alive, though he warned the information was "unconfirmed."

Sabotage of Iraqi oil, power may be inside job

By JIM KRANE
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saboteurs launching attacks on Iraq's oil and electricity infrastructure appear to be employees working in the industry or others acting on inside information, reconstruction officials said Sunday.

A Western diplomat in Baghdad said the "precise" targeting of especially vulnerable or valuable portions of the oil and electricity systems — and even a sewage treatment plant — has increased the damage to critical infrastructure beyond what would be expected from random attacks.

The diplomat declined to reveal the sections that had been sabotaged.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi has blamed such attacks for a nationwide loss of power of more than four hours a day. Iraq's pipelines transport crude oil for export and also carry it to oil-fired power generators that provide domestic electricity.

Allawi said saboteurs have attacked vital oil pipelines 130 times in the last seven months, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage and lost revenues, hindering Iraq's efforts to rebuild and adding to the hardships of average Iraqis.

The Western diplomat said insurgents were suspected of using blackmail and threats to coerce Iraqi workers to launch attacks or to provide information on vulnerable locations in the country's oil pipelines and electric power lines.

Funding and information for the sabotage

also may be flowing into Iraq from other countries, the diplomat said.

Oil Minister Thamer al-Ghadban told Dow Jones Newswires on Sunday that his ministry will extend for "a few months" a contract with South African security contractor Eriny's International that was set to expire in less than a month.

Al-Ghadban said he would also expand the 14,000-member Iraqi force created to protect the infrastructure.

Steve Wright, a spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, said sabotage of key infrastructure appears to have been planned before the U.S.-led invasion last year by members of Saddam Hussein's government. In some cases, Iraqi oil wells were wired to be set on fire.

In the months after the invasion, saboteurs — suspected of being insiders — set fire to a computerized control room for a liquid propane gas plant as well as the plant's warehouse, damaging millions of dollars in equipment, he said. Elsewhere, a water treatment plant used in Iraq's oil industry was sabotaged, Wright said.

Even a repaired sewage treatment plant was sabotaged — probably by insiders, the Western diplomat said.

Now, Iraqis hired by the Army Corps of Engineers to work in Iraq's oil and electric infrastructure have to go through background checks overseen by the new U.S. Embassy, Wright said.

Arab tribal leaders living near pipeline routes are also being hired to protect the lines, he said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 875 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 651 died as a result of hostile action and 224 died of nonbattle causes. The department did not provide an update on Saturday.

The British military has reported 59 deaths. Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 737 U.S. servicemen have died — 542 as a result of hostile action and 195 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

- No deaths reported.
- The latest identifications reported by the military:
- No identifications reported.



An Iraqi security officer guards the area around an oil pipeline fire at Al-Mishadah, Iraq on June 22 after an overnight explosion.

Troops with brain injuries exercise their minds

Army hospital studies injury effects

BY LARRY MARGASAK
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brain injury specialists at the Army's premier medical center have taught Spc. Jamie Brown how to exercise his mind and get it working again. He is learning to recall the last thing he did and remember the next place he is going, just as he learned to be a cook and college student in civilian life — and a forward artillery observer for the Indiana National Guard.

Brown, 22, knows progress can be slow after a grenade explodes in your tent and the blast sends you hurtling into a metal pole.

The Associated Press interviewed Brown and two of his doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington to see how the military and Veterans Affairs Department treats brain-injured soldiers and airmen.

Some are injured in plane crashes and vehicle accidents. Many more are victims of roadside explosions and rocket-propelled grenade attacks in Iraq.

Brown came to Walter Reed in a medicated stupor in early December. At the combat hospital in Iraq where he was first treated, he learned that he had lost a kidney, his adrenal gland and spleen. His pancreas was damaged. Shrapnel in his stomach caused stabbing pain.

And his brain was damaged. Brown became a patient in the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center at Walter Reed. It is one of eight brain injury facilities run jointly by the departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs.

The centers report that traumatic brain injuries now account for 14 percent to 20 percent of casualties for those who survive combat.

Brown was lucky, his doctors

said. His brain damage was mild enough to permit recovery, even though he was injured when he was not wearing body armor or his helmet.

"He's made remarkable progress," said Dr. Louis French, a neuropsychologist who has been guiding Brown through rehabilitation.

French and other specialists have tried to improve Brown's memory, problem-solving ability, speech, use of language and speed in making decisions.

Among the techniques are:

■ a short story about a storm, with a dozen details to be recalled.

■ plastic balls, arranged in patterns, to be duplicated by the patient with the fewest number of moves.

■ 14 minutes of nonstop concentration on a computer screen, with a mouse click needed every time a designated letter appears.

■ pictures of objects to identify, as common as an acorn and as infrequently seen as a mathematical protractor used for measuring angles on paper.

"It was very draining," Brown

said. Brown was injured on Nov. 20, 2003, in Iraq while sitting in his tent. He said he was watching a movie with fellow guardsmen when a grenade exploded about eight feet away.

"The next thing I know, boom. I can remember feeling the heat, I can remember seeing the dirt and the sand fly everywhere," he said.

Brown arrived at Walter Reed two weeks later. For a while, every day was a blur. His weight had dropped from 170 pounds to 110. He awoke one day to find his wife next to him.

"My first day of full consciousness," he said.

It was the start of a long dis-



Above: Spc. Jamie Brown, left, accompanied by his wife, Jennifer, talks last month about wounds he suffered while serving in Iraq in Silver Spring, Md., in this image from video. Brown, 22, suffered abdominal and brain injuries caused by a grenade blast. Below: Brown's neuropsychologist, Dr. Louis French, holds a model of the human brain as he explains how brains get injured.

tance race to recovery as Brown learned the first day he had a dental appointment at the hospital.

"I asked my wife six times where we were going," he said. "I may have to read something a couple of times instead of just once."

Brown's first test of retention and memory "suggested it wasn't retaining things the way he should," French said.

"He had a tendency to get an idea in his head and he couldn't let it go. There would be one part of a story he would keep repeating. He couldn't remember other parts," the doctor said.

Someone with major brain trauma often loses confidence, said Dr. Deborah Warden, who is based at Walter Reed and is national director of the government's brain injury network.

She has seen brain-injured soldiers wait until the mess hall was about to close before arriving for meals, just to avoid crowds, the cacophony of many conversations and the sudden sound of a dropped tray.

Many soldiers experience what she called blast-plus injuries: the



initial explosion which can jar the brain, followed by the kind of blunt trauma Brown experienced when he hit his head.

A neurologist and psychiatrist, Warden said she is trying to link together the experiences of blast victims to see whether there is a common thread in their injuries that may lead to new treatments. She even videotaped one soldier's

vivid description of the blast that cost him his legs.

"It's important for us to find out if blast patients are different," she said. "We're looking into it vigorously. We're linking together their stories about injuries, problems, the immediate aftermath."

Brown now is thinking about the future. He'd like to return to college, at least part time.

Lebanese family: Marine served out of economic need

BY HUSSEIN DAKROUB
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Relatives of a U.S. Marine who surfaced in Beirut nearly three weeks after an apparent kidnapping in Iraq appealed for understanding from fellow Arabs on Saturday, saying the Lebanese-born man emigrated and joined the Marines for financial reasons.

Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun was doing well and recovering at a U.S. military hospital in Germany after being flown out of Lebanon on Friday, a Marine spokesman said. He is expected to return to his home unit in Camp Lejeune, N.C., next week.

In Hassoun's native city of Tripoli, his family issued a statement saying he was forced to go to the United States and join the Marines because of the deteriorating

economic situation caused by Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war.

The statement appeared aimed at countering criticism by some fundamentalist Sunni Muslims in Tripoli who said Hassoun's family of being "American agents and collaborators." It stressed the family's Arab and Islamic ties, and its loyalty to Lebanon.

"We are a family of Lebanese Arab Muslims. We are not seeking to defend ourselves," the Hassoun family's statement said. "But we would like to thank the Leba-



Hassoun

nese for sympathizing with one of their sons [Hassoun] who was pushed by the difficult living conditions in their home country to emigrate and forced to work in a position that they may not like."

The statement said Hassoun, 24, was "driven by the lure of a good life to emigrate, [but he] might have made a mistake by choosing to sign a four-year contract with the U.S. Navy, which expires by the end of 2005."

The Marines are technically part of the Navy.

On Thursday, two people were killed and three others wounded in a Tripoli gun-battle between members of the Hassoun clan and business rivals who taunted them as being American collaborators.

The Hassoun clan, estimated at about 4,000 people, lives mostly in Tripoli and

Dinniyah, northern areas where anti-American fundamentalist Sunni Muslim groups are dominant.

Hassoun, who joined the Marines in 2001, vanished June 20 from his base near the troubled Iraqi city of Fallujah where he had been working as an Arabic translator.

A week later, he appeared in a videotape aired on Arab television that showed him being held hostage by militants. His eyes were blindfolded with a white cloth, and a sword was hanging over his head.

Days later, there were conflicting reports about his fate — first that he was beheaded, then that he was alive. He showed up Thursday at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, but it was unclear how he reached Lebanon and contacted American officials.

The Navy is investigating whether the entire kidnapping might have been a hoax.



Eight-year-old Shania Wheeler waves to her dad, Staff Sgt. Herman Wheeler, as she and her sister, Tashina, 10, hold a sign welcoming him back to Germany after a 15-month tour in Iraq.

1st AD members get overdue welcome home

.16th Engineer Battalion returns to Giessen after long tour in Iraq

BY WARD SANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

GIESSEN, Germany — There were puppies and babies and flags and balloons. And whenever they heard the sound of an approaching engine, the waiting wives would scream.

They were like yesteryear teens, fainting for the Beatles. The stars they waited for, though, were much dearer: After 15 months of serving in Iraq, about 130 soldiers from the 1st Armored Division's 16th Engineer Battalion arrived home in Giessen on Sunday.

Many had been home on leave during the war, but their deployment had also been extended three extra months beyond the expected year. That made it a long wait for everyone.

It was a long, long, wait for Tina Banister.

She and her husband, 1st Lt. Tim Banister, married in December 2002. They moved to Germany in February 2003. He went off to war in April. Their baby girl,



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Abigale Woodruff, 4, takes a peek as her dad, Spc. Peter Woodruff, gets a big welcome home kiss from her mom, Teresa, following his return from Iraq. About 130 Giessen, Germany-based soldiers arrived home from Iraq on Sunday morning.

Rebekah, was born last December.

"I'm very happy to have him home," Banister said, occasionally gasping at the sound of an approaching bus. "It really feels like a dream. It really does. It'll be nice to be a family again. A family for the first time."

Banister didn't always welcome the sound of engines. While her lieutenant was away, she worried a car would pull up and men in uniforms would come out and tell her terrible news. She had lost a husband five years ago as a motorcycle accident. She met Tim at a Christian bookstore while searching for a guide on how to deal with losing a husband.

She found one. She found him. "I've been widowed before," Banister said, "so it's very real to me."

Her friend, Kristy Walker, had worried for other reasons.

"I lost my father when I was 10 years old," she said while waiting for her other half, Maj. Donnie Walker. "I know what it was like to grow up without a dad. I didn't want that for my kid."

When the Pentagon extended the 1st Armored Division's Iraq tour, their fears peaked.

"It felt like a punch in the gut," Banister and Walker both said.

Across the lot, Teresa Woodruff waited too, her 4-year-old daughter Abigale peeking from behind. Woodruff's shirt read, "We love our troops."

She saw her husband when he took leave and visited her in Michigan. "We made a baby," she said, now seven months pregnant. The

couple has been together only two months over the past two years. "I was afraid I was going to have this baby on my own," she said.

Dogs strained on leashes and scrapped, children threw footballs in the sun. After hours of waiting and guessing and rumors about arrival times, the shuffle of boots on asphalt arrived. The soldiers were dropped off around a corner, and nobody had seen it. So the families' first glimpse of their loved ones was that of them helmeted and marching, right justifying.

Some of the wives screamed. Some of the soldiers, though, would be alone.

Sgt. Matt Sturos was one of those singles, glad simply to be back in his own piece. "It doesn't seem real," he said. "I'm looking forward to a sauna. That way I can sweat and step outside and cool off."

Sturos said Iraq was tough — but he regretted none of it. "It's an experience of a lifetime."

Meanwhile, the couples matched up. Spc. Peter Woodruff walked up to his pregnant Teresa, patting her on the stomach. Soldiers milled or turned in weapons. Kids yelled and scattered. The smallest ones climbed up their fathers and held on tight, like koalas to trees.

Out of the joyful racket walked 1st Lt. Banister. Safe. Smiling. He paced straight ahead, on a mission, beyond distraction. He saw only his wife, Tina, his new floppy-hatted baby girl in her arms.

They hugged. They stayed that way for a long time.

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Messages of Support

★ To those who are protecting me and our country, Although I am considered fortunate that I do not know anyone who is fighting at war, I consider myself more fortunate to be an American. To have people who don't know me fighting for me and my future. I want to send a sincere THANK YOU and to let you guys over there know that people are thinking about you. I am truly grateful to God that there are brave and unselfish people like you. You are fighting for us and we are praying for you. Thank you again and keep up the good work! Love Always, Ashley (California)

★ Dear American patriot and hero, I am a thankful American who wants to express my highest regard and pride in you, there bravely fighting for our country. I hope I can give you even a bit of the feelings in type that I wish I could express in person...to give you a hug, to know your name, to have the honor of shaking your hand...my heart sends them through e-mail. I hope there is not a day that passes for you without feeling the pride welling in our hearts over here, looking forward to your return, with the future of our country on your shoulders. I

am praying for your heart to heal from the events you witness on your heroic path, knowing the countless lives you will save are a comfort in the end. I am praying every day for you to return safely and pray that God's arms are around you right now so evil cannot harm you. True bravery is being afraid and going forward anyway....I am so proud of you. Thank you from every piece of my heart, which will be hurting until you can all come home safe. I hope I can live a life worthy of your sacrifices and bravery. God bless you!!!! Julie in Wisconsin

★ To J. B. Probst : I love you a lot and I am very proud of you sweetie! I pray for you every night! Stay safe. I love you. Love, Christine

★ Hi C. Soto, I hope you get this. This is Ginger (your other mom) Your mom wanted me to try to reach you this way. I am so proud of you and can't wait for you to come home. Be safe and I love you. Ginger

Harvard to aid Tikrit med school

The 1st Infantry Division-led Task Force Danger announced plans this week to coordinate a partnership between Harvard University and the Tikrit University Medical School in Iraq.

Capt. Thomas J. Morgan said a task force news release that Harvard will help to prepare a five-year plan for the Tikrit medical school based upon a 200-page report that will be prepared by the Iraqi faculty and administrators.

Morgan is a veterinarian on the Harvard faculty who is currently serving with the task force's 415th Civil Affairs Battalion, a Reserve unit from Kalamazoo, Mich.

From staff reports



Pfc. Antonio Rodriguez of Linton, Ind., and soldiers from Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, drive south Friday in a convoy on the dirt highway near al-Qadisiyah, Iraq.

PHOTOS BY CHARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes



Pvt. Antonio Rodriguez of Linton, Ind., fuels up his Humvee at a U.S. refueling station south of Baghdad before proceeding in the convoy to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait.



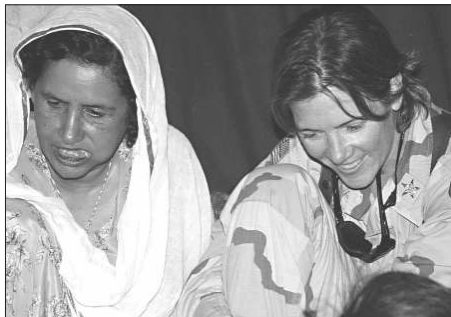
Two units from the 1st Armored Division arrived safely at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, on Saturday night after a convoy south from Baghdad. About 130 soldiers from 1st Brigade Headquarters Company and the 501st Forward Support Battalion, which are both based in Friedberg, Germany, made the trip as part of the 1st AD's return to Germany from Iraq after a 15-month tour. The two-day convoy featured 35 vehicles and covered nearly 500 miles, including one four-hour stretch of unpaved road between Baghdad and the Kuwait border.

— Charlie Coon

Left: Spc. Ryan Monroe of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division sprays paints a message on a temporary barrier to his fiance, Spc. Catherine McNally of 2nd Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, during a stop. Monroe's convoy was ahead of McNally's. There was no word on whether McNally saw the message.



Pfc. Brandon Nielsen of Fort Collins, Colo., and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division adds oil to a Humvee at a checkpoint south of Baghdad.



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE L. CARL/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Left: The Combined Joint Task Force-76 Equal Opportunity program manager, Lt. Col. Jennifer Caruso, right, shares a laugh with a group of women during a visit to Asadabad, Afghanistan, in June. Above: Students at Fatima Girls School in Asadabad sing for visiting staff members of the program. Plans have been drawn up for the construction of a women's center on the school grounds.



Mna, a young girl from Konar Province, weaves a rug at the women's shura building in Asadabad. Similar skills, as well as business skills, will be taught at the new center so women will be able to take a larger role in developing the local economy and supporting their families.

U.S. to build Afghan women a center to learn business skills

Stars and Stripes

U.S. soldiers on the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan's Konar province are helping build a women's center where women will be able to gather and learn skills to support their families.

Many will be learning to sew clothes, weave rugs or make beaded jewelry so they can sell products at local bazaars. Others who already know these crafts will be getting business

training and the initial financial support they need to get started.

According to U.S. military officials, 25 years of fighting and turmoil in Konar has left far more women than men — many of whom are disabled — in the province, requiring women to take on a larger economic role.

"If we could just provide them with the initial materials they need or with a loan to purchase these materials, they would be able to

start turning around a profit," said Lt. Col. Jennifer Caruso, Combined Joint Task Force-76 Equal Opportunity program manager. Caruso leads a group of female soldiers who are evaluating women's roles throughout Afghanistan and looking for ways the coalition can help expand them.

A local contractor has drafted plans for the center, which will be built on the grounds of a girls school, and work can begin within two weeks after the project is approved.

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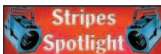
BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

Randy Berry's house is definitely for the birds.

There are baby birds in the bedroom, juvenile birds in a closet and big birds in the living room. Don't even think about playing basketball on his childhood court; there are bird cages over the entire surface.

Berry, the son of a retired sailor, cares for about 300 birds, ranging in size from the 3-foot-long blue-throated macaw to



Randy Berry

Berry raises and cares for nearly 300 exotic birds, which has garnered him international recognition.

Job: Civilian cashier at the Grignano housing area commissary

Age: 29

Family: Lives with his brother, William, in Pinetamare, Italy.
Hometown: Castelvolturno, Italy

Stars and Stripes

flat-sized finches at his Pinetamare, Italy, home. What started out as a teenage hobby became an adult obsession that has made him one of Italy's best-known exotic bird keepers and has garnered him international recognition.

"It's kind of more like a disease," Berry jokes while sitting in the back yard of the home he shares with his brother, William. Dozens of birds squawked, chirped, and screeched all around him.

Berry, who was born in Italy and decided to remain there, says that his brother was the first in the family to get a pet bird — a parrot from a friend's mother —

when he was a teen. The brothers soon realized that caring for exotic birds drew another species to their home: girls.

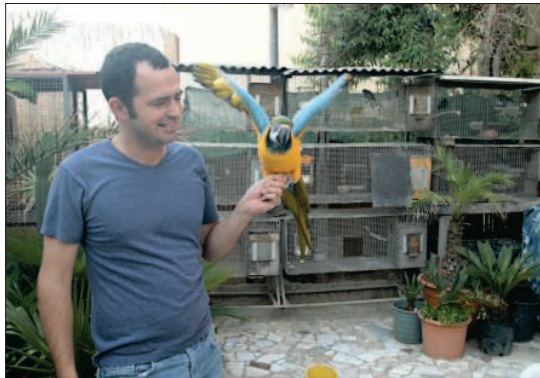
"When you're in high school ... well, anything goes," said brother William, who now manages the Grignano housing area video store.

But Berry's main interest was the birds, and as that interest grew, so did his collection. Over the years since high school, Berry has added other parrots, macaws, parakeets, finches and love birds.

"Some of them I've purchased from other breeders, some I've swapped for, and some, I gave a bird and some money," he said.

The Berry brothers built dozens of cages and breeding boxes that line their back yard. Inside these boxes, female birds care for their eggs. Those that breed regularly — and are consequently more common — are sold to keep the hobby going since providing fruit or seed for 300 birds isn't cheap.

"It's a big bill," Berry said. "I'd say feeding them ... is at least a grand a month. I'll keep doing this as long as it maintains itself." Berry and his brother also pro-



JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Randy Berry holds up one of his macaws in his back yard. Berry, a Grignano housing area commissary employee, owns about 300 birds, mainly parrots and macaws.

vide all medical care for the birds, as well as to any injured wild birds that people give them. On Friday afternoon, Berry brought home a sparrow with a broken wing he was given by a base employee.

They've even stitched together the chest of a bird's macaw that had gotten loose and hurt itself. Macaws are Berry's favorite birds, "probably because they're the biggest and the most difficult to get," he said.

The paperwork alone for his blue-throated macaw took 1½ years to complete.

Berry said the blue-throated macaw is an endangered species, with only about 150 left in Bolivia, their natural habitat.

He said that rarer birds are individually tracked and banded. Each captive-bred exotic bird also gets a unique cylindrical tag shortly after hatching that carries the breeders' personal ID number and specific information

about the bird.

This allows breeders to know about the bird's lineage, which cuts down on in-breeding, and lets officials know that the bird wasn't taken from the wild.

Berry's bird knowledge and years of experience have made him a recognized name in Italian parrot circles. In 1999, he attended an invitation-only conference at Loro Parque Foundation in the Canary Islands, which is home to the world's largest captive parrot collection. The foundation is a non-profit international organization that, according to its Web site, works to conserve parrots and their natural habitats. It holds a conference only every

four years.

Berry is trying to open an exotic bird park Southern Italy, he said, has a good climate for the birds.

One problem is that he needs land for the park, but it can't be too out of the way. "I don't want to be afraid to leave them alone," he said of his birds, some of which are worth thousands of dollars.

Until he creates his park, Berry is content showing off his birds to friends, or taking them to the base middle and high schools. "I did a show at career day," he said, "and ... went to the biology classroom when they were studying birds."

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Change of command

Col. Thomas W. Kula replaced Col. Gregg F. Martini of the 130th Engineer Brigade during a ceremony in Hanau, Germany, on Friday.

Kula, who graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1962, was previously assigned as a U.S. Army Europe fellow at the University of Texas at Austin.

Martini, who took command of the brigade in June 2002, will move to Heidelberg, Germany, to join the U.S. Army Europe staff.

The engineer brigade, headquartered in Hanau, deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in January 2003, with most of its units returning in February of this year.

Battle of the Bands for 26th ASG

The 233rd Base Support Battalion has announced that it will be hosting the 26th Army Support Group's Battle of the Bands and Stars of Tomorrow qualifying contest on July 31.

Registration and performances will take place at the Escape Club, Building 4088, on Cambrai-Fritsch Kaserne.



Kula

Registration begins at 3 p.m., and performances at 4:30 p.m. Winners will move on to the Installation Management Agency-Europe All-Europe Talent Contest, Aug. 21-22, in Illesheim, Germany. For more information, call DSN 348-1550 or 348-7465.

Tiger Keystone Club honored

The Tiger Keystone Club of Hohenfels, Germany, became the first Army club to be honored as a top organization by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

According to a news release from the Installation Management Agency-Europe, the club earned Gold Level status by being a national chartered Keystone Club for the past four years, doing a national Keystone project every chartered year, attending two national Keystone conferences in the United States, serving as organizing committee for the first European Regional Keystone Conference and performing numerous community service projects.

The release praised teen adviser Helen Noble and her group of teen leaders for promoting the club's tenets of service to community, education, free enterprise, social recreation and unity.

Keystone Clubs are leadership clubs established worldwide for youths 14-18, based on the Department of the Army's Child and Youth Services partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

From staff reports

Messages of Support

★ USS Kitty Hawk Special Services — That was my job in 1971 off the coast of Viet Nam. To this day I can smell and hear the sound of your environment. I KNOW the Hawk will help bring this war to a swift and successful end. God Bless you and THANKS. Mac Kenney

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Together, we can save a life

New paint system speeds B-2s back to air

BY PETER PAE
Los Angeles Times

The B-2 stealth bomber, with its boomerang shape and rubber-like skin, is a marvel of high-tech engineering, capable of sneaking undetected across hostile territories.

And the special coating that makes the \$21 billion aircraft nearly invisible to radar is a big maintenance headache: It takes technicians days to gingerly reapply the coating each time a body panel is removed to allow access to the jet's innards.

"It's not like painting a house," said Ronald Sugar, chairman and chief executive of the B-2's manufacturer, Northrop Grumman Corp.

Hoping to speed things up, Northrop has come up with a new formula and an automated application system that could significantly slash the amount of time the aircraft is unavailable for flight.

In some cases, the new coating may allow repairs to be completed "in minutes instead of days," said Duke Dufresne, the Northrop vice president who heads the B-2 program.

Neither Northrop nor the Air Force will say it, but aerospace industry analysts think the new coating also increases the ability of the B-2 to escape detection by radar.



AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. CHERIE A. THURLBY/AFMPT

A B-2 Spirit heads to an undisclosed location after flying a mission over Iraq in March 2003. The bomber's manufacturer, Northrop Grumman Corp., has designed a new way to reapply the plane's radar-deflecting coating that allows the B-2 to return to service much faster than it did under the previous painting procedure.

Although it has been praised for its stealth capabilities, the bomber also has been maligned for the extensive maintenance it requires.

"It's been hard to keep them flying," said Christopher Bolkom, a military aircraft analyst for the Congressional Research Service.

A B-2, according to an Air Force report in 2001, spent about 70 hours on the ground undergoing maintenance for each hour in the air.

And in some years, only about

40 percent of the B-2 fleet was ready to fly a mission at any given time.

The Pentagon spends \$300 million to \$400 million a year upgrading, maintaining and overhauling B-2s, with most of the work done at Northrop's plant in Palmdale, Calif., where about 1,100 people work on the program.

Although it's costly to maintain, there's nothing else in the world like the stealth bomber. With its radar-evading features, it's likely to spearhead the attack in what

the Air Force calls "suppression of enemy air defenses."

At the outset of the war in Iraq last year, the B-2 was one of the first aircraft to drop bombs, destroying radar installations and defense systems.

This cleared the way for other bombers and fighter jets to begin attacking Iraqi military forces and facilities.

The stealth capability is derived from the way the aircraft is shaped — basically a flying wing lacking conventional fuselage and tail — and by the smooth skin that covers any gaps that could reflect radar waves. The skin has a rubber-like feel and electromagnetic properties. Exactly what it's made of or how it works is top secret.

Unlike the jagged shape of the F-117 stealth fighter, which deflects radar waves in various directions, the B-2's coating actually absorbs the waves. Analysts believe that with the coating, the B-2 appears on the radar screen as an object the size of a tennis ball rather than an aircraft with a wingspan similar to that of a 747 jumbo jet.

But that coating must be stripped off each time maintenance or repair is performed, then reapplied and allowed to cure before the aircraft can be returned to service. About 3,000 feet of tape is used to fill any gaps.

Northrop engineers and chemists came up with the formula for the new coating after nearly a decade of research. It is called "alternate high-frequency material" and is applied by robotic paint sprayers.

With the new paint and automated spraying process, technicians no longer need to deal with the coating or the tape. B-2 maintenance personnel are able to pop open a panel, repair wiring or electronic components, then screw the panel back on — the standard procedure for most aircraft.

The Air Force believes that the new coating eventually will increase the B-2 fleet's so-called mission-capable rate from about 40 percent to as high as 60 percent.

In the past, about half of major maintenance time was spent stripping off the special coating and then reapplying a new coat. Now, once all the preparation work is complete, four robotic arms, resembling large dental probes, can spray around the clock for 12 days, stopping only for a layer to cure.

The first bomber with the new coating, the Spirit of Washington, is expected to go back into service later this summer at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri, where all the stealth bombers are based.

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Stars and Stripes reporter Terry Boyd speaks with Servicemembers from Triple Deuce at Firebase Purgatory.

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From left to right, Sgt. Wesley Parkhurst, Spec. Robert Isaacs, Terry Boyd, and Pfc. Michael Greenwood.

IN THE WORLD

Arnold visits sites from Austria past

BY GEORGE JAHN
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Slipping away from Vienna, Arnold Schwarzenegger briefly visited the city of his youth Sunday to breakfast with a fellow governor and spend a little private time with friends.

Schwarzenegger, on his first trip to Austria since becoming California governor, left the capital for Graz after attending Saturday's funeral of President Thomas Klestil.

The Austrian Press Agency said Schwarzenegger spent a few hours with friends late Saturday in a Graz restaurant and was scheduled to have breakfast with Waltraud Klasnik, governor of Steiermark province. Schwarzenegger also planned to visit the grave of his parents before flying home later in the day.

In Austria, like elsewhere in Europe, anti-American feeling has risen in the wake of the invasion of Iraq. But Schwarzenegger re-

mains hugely popular as an Austrian who went to America and became a success.

As a governor, Schwarzenegger was relatively low in ranking among the kings and presidents attending Saturday's funeral. But media coverage reflected Austria's affection for its native son.

Austrian state television frequently panned to Schwarzenegger during Saturday's requiem Mass for Klestil, showing him shaking hands and exchanging pleasantries with Austria's cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, taking communion, and looking pensively into the air.

Sunday's mass-circulation Kronenzeitung printed a two-page article describing the friendship between Schwarzenegger and Klestil, who died in office Tuesday, just two days before the end of his final term.

"In my heart, I am — and will remain — an Austrian!" the daily quoted Schwarzenegger as saying.

In a front page photo Saturday, the same newspaper reflected the tough-guy image cultivated by Schwarzenegger's films, featuring pictures of Russian President Vladimir Putin and Schwarzenegger, both with their best hard-eyed stares. "Arnold and Putin in Vienna today!" blared the headline.



Schwarzenegger

Hero to some Bosnians loses luster for others

BY JEFFREY FLEISHMAN
Los Angeles Times

HAN PLJESAK, Bosnia-Herzegovina — In mountains scattered with sawmills and war bones, Zoran Mikevic paints murals of martyrs and saints in the cool half-light of a church. He is reticent about the bloodshed that ruined this land a decade ago. But when pressed, he hops off his scaffolding and deifies Bosnia's most notorious war crimes fugitive.

"Radovan Karadzic led his people through a difficult time," said Mikevic, his voice softly echoing through the Serbian Orthodox Church here. "All the saints I'm painting on these walls are martyrs. Karadzic is a martyr, too. He's a Serb. He's one of my own, and he's something in me that loves the underdog."

Accused by international authorities of orchestrating the 1995 massacre of about 7,500 Muslim men and boys in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, Karadzic has been eluding thousands of NATO troops and jeopardizing the credibility of the international community. He is believed to be traveling with bodyguards, slipping through backwater villages and pine forests, and bankrolled by a secret network of supporters.

Karadzic's wartime leadership remains revered in this rugged

terrain, but passion for the bushy-haired poet turned charismatic nationalist has become muted over the years as many Bosnian Serbs blame him for their economic and political turmoil. Time and poverty have diminished Serbian dreams of ethnic purity. And Karadzic — much like former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic — is viewed by many as an unwanted relic from a painful era.

"I have no time for Radovan Karadzic. I have my own problems," said Sofija Mirkovic, more scant in her praise than Mikevic as she sat in the shadow of the church. "My husband died of lung cancer. I live on \$45 a month pension. I'm 65 years old and have to cut my own wood for winter."

A man who gave his name only as Bozidar offered blunt advice: "If I were Karadzic, I'd turn myself in to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague just to stop the suffering of my people. Serbs would respect him even more if he did that. People don't condemn Karadzic, but they don't like him so much anymore."

Such sentiments would have rarely been whispered — if held at all — just a few years ago. But in the mood, Western officials say, increases the possibility that Karadzic's protective cloak may splinter.



A group of fighting bulls take the "La estafeta" curve Sunday during a San Fermin bull run in Pamplona, Spain. The San Fermin festival is famed for its daily bull runs and all-night street parties.

Three people injured in Sunday running of bulls

The Associated Press

PAMPLONA, Spain — A pack of bulls known for being ferocious in the ring but polite running companions injured three people Sunday during a bull run at Spain's San Fermin Festival.

A 36-year-old Pamplona native was gored in the buttocks and suffered a head wound. Two other Spaniards were hurt, one with an ankle injury, the other with a fractured shoulder, on the fifth day of bull runs, the Pamplona city hall said.

The mad sprint took just two and a half minutes, the fastest yet of eight planned runs.

The half-dozen bulls, running with six steers and thousands of human thrill-seekers, were from the Miura ranch, one of Spain's oldest and most prestigious herds.

With their characteristic long,

sleek physique, Miura bulls are known for their ferocity in the ring. The ranch is such a part of Spanish culture that the term Miura is used to refer to an angry person.

But Miura bulls tend to stick together and mind their own business when they run at San Fermin. For this reason, they are often chosen for crowded weekend dashes at Spain's most popular summer festival.

An isolated bull is considered more dangerous because it can get disoriented and is then more likely to charge at people.

Most of the bulls slipped and fell at a sharp turn leading to the homestretch of the 850-yard route through cobblestone streets. When the pileup cleared, a chocolate-colored specimen running on its own led the pack to-

ward the bullring, where the animals face death in the afternoon at the hands of matadors.

Some runners wearing the traditional red kerchief of San Fermin touched the bull's rump as they trotted alongside — a faux pas considered disrespectful to the animal, but many do it anyway.

Renowned for its all-night street parties, the San Fermin Festival dates back to the late 16th century but gained worldwide fame in Hemingway's 1926 novel, "The Sun Also Rises."

The bull runs continue daily through July 14.

Two people were gored Saturday and Friday's run was marred by four gorings, involving two Americans and injuries to at least five other runners. In the two previous days, there were no serious injuries.

Lawyers seek more privacy for woman in case of girls' murders

The Associated Press

LONDON — Lawyers for a woman who was convicted of obstructing justice in a sensational child murder case said Saturday they had succeeded in tightening an injunction banning publication of her new identity and whereabouts.

Naxine Carr, 27, was released from prison in May after serving 21 months in prison for lying to protect her former boyfriend Ian Huntley, who killed two 10-year-old girls at his home in the village of Soham in eastern England in August 2002.

Although Carr was not convicted of complicity in the killings, she became a hated figure to many in Britain and some threatened revenge upon her release.

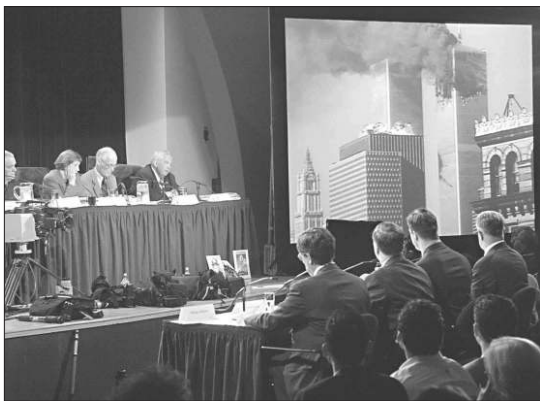
Her lawyers at the firm Devas Lewis James had won a strict court order before her release banning publication of any new name for her, information on her care or treatment or any "depiction, painting, drawing, photograph or film" of her. The order also barred journalists from soliciting any information about her.

However, Devas Lewis James instigated an urgent hearing before a High Court judge Saturday after the Daily Mail newspaper published details about Carr's new life, including references to her accommodation and employment.

The law firm said that Justice John Mitting extended the injunction protecting Carr to cover any description of the accommodation or nature of the premises in which she lives and the nature of her employment.

IN THE STATES

Sept. 11 panel nears completion of report



Members of the Sept. 11 commission, seated on stage, listen to the staff report on Emergency Preparedness and Response during hearings in May. The commission is finishing up its final report, and several members say it will be done as early as Friday. It also appears to have unanimous support among the panel.

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Working in secret, the Sept. 11 commission is finishing a final report that several members believe will be done by week's end and have unanimous support.

The endorsement of all 10 commissioners is important if the findings and recommendations for improvements — most notably in intelligence-gathering — are to avoid charges of partisanship in a presidential election year.

"They are all taking their broader responsibility seriously," said Norm Ornstein, a political analyst at the American Enterprise Institute. "They know this is not about scoring political points in the heart of a campaign but about making sure the attacks don't happen again."

A report without any dissenters would be an accomplishment given the charges of partisanship that surfaced during public hearings featuring officials such as national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, Attorney General John Ashcroft and former counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke.

As recently as last month, former Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and several other com-

missioners on the panel of five Republicans and five Democrats said unanimity might not be possible.

The meetings since then have changed his mind.

"We've had a good personal relationship in our internal deliberations, with no traces of partisanship," Gorton said.

Added Democratic commissioner Jamie Gorelick, a former deputy attorney general in the Clinton administration: "We have a lot of consensus."

Commissioners and their staff have interviewed more than 1,000 witnesses, including President Bush, and reviewed more than 2 million documents.

The final report is due July 26. The commission hopes to have the report finished this week and wants to release the 500-plus-page document on July 22 to avoid competing with the Democratic National Convention, which begins on July 26.

The public release will be dictated by the White House, which is reviewing the report to ensure that no classified information is disclosed. That is not seen as a major stumbling block, however.

Once the report is cleared for release it will be available to the public via the Internet and at bookstores.

Descendants of Hamilton, Burr revisit historic duel

BY STEVE STRUNSKY

The Associated Press

WEEHAWKEN, N.J. — The bitter grudge between their ancestors has long faded, but on Sunday descendants of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr marked their paces with pistols in hand.

Antonio Burr, a descendant of Burr's cousin, arrived by rowboat in period costume and fired a replica of the .54-caliber pistol that mortally wounded Hamilton 200 years ago in the July 11, 1804, duel.

Douglas Hamilton, a fifth-great-grandson of Hamilton, feigned the historic hip wound, dropping to one knee and then falling to the ground in a sitting position.

The event was the families' first meeting in two centuries.

"It wasn't something on my top 100 list, but it was nice to meet Antonio Burr," Douglas Hamilton said afterward. "He seems to be a very nice man, though I'm not sure I'm going to be on his Christmas card list."

Still, Douglas Hamilton noted his famous ancestor had forgiven Aaron Burr on his deathbed and so could he.

"Just being shot 31 hours earlier, if he could forgive Burr, far be it for me not to honor that," said Hamilton, an IBM salesman from suburban Columbus, Ohio.

More than 1,000 people attended the re-enactment near the Hudson River. The original duel's exact site is unknown because the waterfront area is so dramatically different than it was 200 years ago, historians said Sunday.

An estimated 60 descendants of Hamilton attended the event, as did 40 members of the Aaron Burr Association. Hamilton, a signer of the Constitution and the nation's first treasury secretary, had a simmering feud with his long-time rival Burr, the vice president under Thomas Jefferson.

Even today, some relatives question how the feud between the two began.

"There was an animosity on the part of Alexander Hamilton toward Aaron Burr for which there was nothing in Aaron Burr's record that could be justified," Antonio Burr, a psychologist from New York, said Sunday.

When Burr ran for governor of New York in early 1804, Hamilton denounced him as untrustworthy. Burr lost. Burr later complained about a newspaper article that reported Hamilton had expressed a "despicable opinion" of him.

Disatisfied with Hamilton's explanation, Burr, then the sitting vice president,



Douglas Hamilton, playing the part of his ancestor Alexander Hamilton, acts mortally wounded Sunday during the re-enactment marking the 200th anniversary of the Hamilton-Burr duel.

challenged him to the duel.

Shot by Burr, Hamilton returned to New York, where he died the next day. Burr was indicted on murder charges in New York and New Jersey but was never tried, and finished his term as vice president in 1805.

After Sunday's highly orchestrated event, Douglas Hamilton and Antonio Burr and their families headed to Hamilton Park, where two new plaques honoring Burr and Hamilton were to be dedicated.

Senators urge quick CIA post replacement

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate report detailing serious flaws in U.S. intelligence-gathering highlights the urgent need for a permanent CIA director given the current terrorist threat, leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee said Sunday.

George Tenet, who announced in early June that he was resigning for personal reasons, left the agency on Sunday after seven years as director. His deputy, John McLaughlin, took over as acting director.

"An acting director for the next six or seven months, during such a dangerous period for the United States, with all of these talks about attacks on the United States, is not acceptable," said West Virginia Sen. Jay Rockefeller, the committee's top Democrat.

The chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts, said McLaughlin's ability to lead is limited as acting director even though he is "very skilled" and brings a lot of experience to the job.

"I hope the administration will send somebody up," said Roberts, R-Kan. "It will have to be an extraordinary nominee. If that's the case, we will go full time into the hearings to get him or her confirmed."

Committee members discussed several possible nominees: Deputy Secretary of State Richard L. Armitage; former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga.; House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, R-Fla.; and former Navy Secretary John Lehman, a member of the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks.

What's in a name? An official insult

California education secretary in hot water over remark to 6-year-old

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — State Education Secretary Richard Riordan jokingly told a child her name, Isis, meant "stupid dirty girl," prompting widespread criticism and posing a quandary for the man who appointed him, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Riordan, the wealthy former Los Angeles mayor known for his support of public schools, startled even friends last week with the comments at a promotional event for summer reading at the Santa Barbara library.

Schwarzenegger, his longtime friend, called Riordan's statement to the girl "unacceptable in any context" but gave no hint his job was in danger.

But Alice Huffman, president of the California chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said Thursday that Riordan "is not suitable to lead education in our state" and should be removed.

The conversation, videotaped by KEY-TV, took place July 1. The girl, 6-year-old Isis D'Luciano, asked Riordan if he knew her name meant "Egyptian goddess."

Riordan replied, "It means stupid, dirty girl."

After nervous laughter in the room, the girl again told Riordan the meaning of her name.

"Hey, that's nifty," he said.

A day later, Riordan issued a statement that said he "teased" the girl. "I immediately apologized to her, and I want to do so again for the misunderstanding," Riordan said.

The governor's chief spokesman, Rob Stutzman, said Riordan had not been asked to resign.

The girl's mother, Trinity Lila de Goleta, said her daughter was fine, and she considered the issue over.

"Obviously it hurt her feelings, but she didn't take it personally. She knew he was

wrong and she let it go," Lila said. "I'm not going to sue them for therapy bills."

Riordan, a venture capitalist who started a foundation supporting literacy, has a reputation for awkward — some might say insensitive — remarks and behavior.

As mayor, he once greeted hunger strikers outside his office eating a hamburger. In a speech to school administrators earlier this year, he told a story about a nun physically disciplining a student that startled some in the audience.

Democratic state Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally, who had scheduled a protest by civil rights organizations, canceled the demonstration after an apparent mix-up over the girl's racial background.

Dymally was quoted in the San Jose Mercury News on Thursday saying the child was "a little African-American girl. Would he [Riordan] have done that to a white girl?"

Isis is white, with blond hair.



Isis D'Luciano, right, and her mother, Trinity Lila, are shown in June 2003 in Santa Barbara, Calif. At a visit to a library on July 1, California Education Secretary Richard Riordan joked that the 6-year-old's name meant "stupid, dirty girl."

West's gentle horsemanship takes hold across nation

BY TARA GODVIN

The Associated Press

ARTHUR, Neb. — With a well-trimmed mustache, crisp white shirt and worn leather chaps over jeans, Tim Schaack is easily pegged as a cowboy.

But as he calmly leads a young horse around a paddock of the Haythorn Ranch near Arthur, in Nebraska's Panhandle, it becomes clear that the popular image of the Western horseman is due for revisions.

Gone are the days when the only way to get a horse to take a saddle was for a cocky, young man to jump on the animal's back and hold on until the horse gave up.

"I feel I can get so much more from the horse the more ... I understand about how his mind feels and how his mind works," said Schaack, Haythorn's horse trainer, who sees some 900 horses throughout the year.

First brought to the attention of the American public with the 1998 Hollywood film "The Horse Whisperer," this gentle form of horse training rooted in the West has slowly become the standard.

Over the last decade, it has grown to influence just about every discipline of horse training,



Tim Schaack tries to gain the trust of a young colt at the Haythorn Ranch near Arthur, Neb. At the Haythorn Ranch, it is clear that the popular image of the Western horseman is due for revisions. A gentle form of horse training rooted in the West has slowly become the standard.

including the toney world of English-style riding and the subtle precision of show horses.

"There are a lot of different people out there that all teach the basic thing, which is that you want the horse to want to do what

you're asking it to," said Erin Petersen, equine lecturer at the University of Maryland.

"So you're using the horse's own natural communication, which is through body language, to actually train the horse."

Horses that are trained using non-forceful techniques, known generally as natural horsemanship, tend to be more responsive to and respectful of their riders, Petersen said.

Though various forms of natu-

ral horsemanship date back more than 40 years to the writings of the Greek philosopher and cavalryman Xenophon, the man usually credited with bringing this type of horse training to the United States is Tom Dorrance, who died last year.

Today, the elder statesman of natural horsemanship is Ray Hunt, who learned the technique 40 years ago from Dorrance and his brother, Bill.

Hunt, who is based in Idaho, trains riders throughout the world to feel out the needs and abilities of the horse while teaching it such skills as taking its first ride, or learning to turn. Being too forceful with a horse will only scare it into trying to protect itself, he said.

Schaack began learning his training technique about 10 years ago through reading articles and riding with trainers he admired, including Hunt.

Building a feeling of trust and friendship between the rider and the animal is crucial, Schaack said.

"A horse that trusts the rider and understands that the rider believes that the rider isn't going to put him in any danger — it's about impossible to scare one of those horses," he said.

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OPINION

Because of Lay, firms can't turn a blind eye

The (Baltimore) Sun

More than two years after the massive implosion of Enron, the now-bankrupt energy giant, a complex criminal investigation has finally worked its way through layers of former executives to the inevitable, a federal indictment unsealed Thursday against the company's founder and former chairman, Kenneth L. Lay. For former Enron employees and investors and many others collaterally damaged by the sudden collapse of what was once the seventh-largest U.S. company, the long-awaited sight of Lay surrendering in handcuffs to authorities in Houston had to be richly satisfying. To boot, the Securities and Exchange Commission also came in (Thursday) with civil charges against Lay.

As to the fraud charges against him, Lay's guilt or innocence will be determined in court, after what doubtless will be exceedingly lengthy and costly litigation involving highly technical matters. But if, as promised, Lay's defense is that he simply didn't know anything about the gross financial misdeeds transpiring in the bowels of Enron, that seems patently preposterous at the outset.

Here is a trained economist who took a minor-league gas pipeline company, navigated it through the uncharted world of energy deregulation and, in the process,

transformed it into a global trading colossus; a savvy political player whose mountain of donations to the Bush campaign earned him enormous friendship and authority in the current White House; and a corporate leader who, despite internal warnings that Enron's shell game was unraveling, kept on urging his employees and others to buy its stock—all the while continuing to sell his. And Lay didn't know? Given the pervasiveness of the alleged corruption at Enron, that's real hard to swallow.

In the halcyon days of the 1990s stock market boom—which seems so distant now, doesn't it?—Lay was not shy about enjoying an opulent lifestyle. He had the homes, the jets, the contacts and, at one time, \$400 million. With the company's rapid fall in late 2001—its stock plummeted from more than \$80 a share to next to nothing in less than a year—he became a powerful cultural symbol of ill-gotten gains. But whatever happens now, Lay's legacy will have less to do with greed than with the necessity for greater corporate accountability.

Of course, Enron unfortunately was just the first mammoth corporate scandal in a shock wave of frauds and bankruptcies—WorldCom, Global Crossing, Adelphia Communications and Tyco International—still rippling through boardrooms, courtrooms, Wall Street and the American economy. In their wake, a new



era, however unsettled and imperfect, is emerging, one in which CEOs and corporate board members are now directly held—primarily via the Sarbanes-Oxley Act—to standards of accountability that should have been more universally met all along and that are still resisted.

Under the new rules, U.S. chief execu-

tives must regularly pledge in writing to regulators that they understand and take responsibility for their companies' books. That and other such new regulations may not entirely prevent the next Enron. But Enron's saga shows they are much-needed steps—and likely Lay's most enduring legacy. If "I didn't know" ever cut it, it doesn't anymore.

U.S. troops can survive war-caused stress disorder

BY MICHAEL FUMENTO

Scripts Howard

If you know of the infamous face slap in the film "Patton," you know that war-related psychiatric problems have long provoked controversy and sometimes been blamed on cowardice. It doesn't help that what's collectively known as "post-traumatic stress disorder" doesn't show up on X-rays, brain scans or blood tests.

Thus the authors of a July 1 New England Journal of Medicine study performed a vital service by being the first to assess the mental health of troops immediately after their tours rather than years later. Further, they were the first to collect information before the stress occurred. Finally, they showed that the worry of stigmatization prevented 40 percent of those who needed help from seeking it.

The researchers, from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, surveyed more than 6,000 Army and Marine infantry either before or soon after they deployed. Before, about 5 percent of respondents met the strict criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder—about the same percentage as in the U.S. general population. After completing their tour, about 6 percent of Afghanistan veterans and twice that number of Iraq vets were diagnosed with the stress disorder.

There was a general correlation between the amount of combat and level of stress disorder; almost a fifth of the troops with the stress disorder reported being in more than five firefights. But it's not just combat that causes the disorder, and the conflict in Iraq is tailor-made to mess with a soldier's head. It's a guerrilla war in which soldiers frequently die without warning from remotely detonated explosive devices. In Vietnam, our troops often complained that the enemy couldn't be seen. But in Iraq, it may well be that the enemy isn't even there.

When there is face-to-face combat, attacks are usually instigated by the enemy; 92 percent of respondents reported being attacked or ambushed, the study found. Soldiers see the suffering of innocent civilians everywhere because they are the enemy's main target; three-fourths of respondents said they observed ill or injured women or children they couldn't help.

But that's hardly the end of it.

Forty percent of our Iraq troops are from National Guard and Reserve units (though they weren't part of this study). While they are performing admirably, many just weren't psychologically prepared for war. Not that anybody is exempt from post-traumatic stress disorder, a large portion of the troops in the study were from the crack 82nd Airborne Division.

We also have many soldiers in support units who may have expected war, but not up close and personal. This led to the fiasco

in which Jessica Lynch's maintenance battalion couldn't defend itself because it failed to keep its weapons clean.

Want more? It's been almost a century since we've fought an enemy that doesn't take prisoners—unless to murder them. And it must be tough to risk your neck for people who often spit on you because they're convinced you're there to colonize them.

Yet the worst mental enemy in war is uncertainty. In Vietnam and Desert Storm you knew when you'd be leaving. But President Clinton slashed the Army from 18 divisions to 10 and President Bush won't expand it. Thus we're both stretching reserves to the breaking point and bitterly disappointing troops who were told they'd soon be home with their families.

Yet there is good news. Casualty rates for the Iraq and Afghan wars are tiny compared to previous wars. Restoring somebody's psyche is easier than raising the dead. Fur-

ther, we've come a long way from the Patton treatment. Indeed, there's a government center devoted exclusively to studying and treating post-traumatic stress disorder.

And although Vietnam vets also had a high stress-disorder rate, the representation of the vet who "goes postal" with an automatic rifle, is an addict, or can't keep a job that doesn't involve holding a cardboard sign is a media myth.

Viet vets are as successful, if not more so, in virtually every way than those who didn't serve. Indeed, all vets—combat and otherwise—give society a special group of people with different perspectives than non-vets.

Our troops can face down and defeat any enemy, including the mental demons of war. Then they will provide a rich source of tough, motivated civilians for decades to come.

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Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



Fatal mob beating

WI MILWAUKEE — A disabled man died from head injuries after allegedly being beaten and robbed by 10 young men near his home, police said.

David Rutledge Jr., 54, died at a hospital where he was admitted after telling authorities he hurt himself when he fell.

It wasn't until doctors discovered Rutledge had multiple skull fractures that authorities doubted his story, said Milwaukee Police Sgt. Ken Henning.

Rutledge's friend told doctors that another man saw the beating, which occurred just west of downtown Milwaukee.

The victim and the witness both lived at West Samaria, a residential home for about 90 people with mental and physical disabilities or chronic illnesses.

Hungry pelicans go splat

AZ PHOENIX — More than 30 endangered brown pelicans have crashed onto sidewalks and roads in Arizona, mistaking the heat-induced shimmer of the paved surface for lakes and creeks.

"They try to land on the water, but it's asphalt and it's bam! That doesn't feel so good," said Sandy Cate, director of the Arizona Game and Fish Department's wildlife center at Adobe Mountain in north Phoenix.

During the past two weeks, the injured pelicans have been found from Yuma to Phoenix, the department said Thursday.

The pelicans have been treated mostly for dehydration and emaciation.

Wildlife experts believe the endangered birds are experiencing a food shortage along the West Coast and are heading to Arizona to find fish. The sun's reflection, mixed with hot and cool layers of air create mirages, and the birds mistake smooth pavements for water.

Hate crimes decrease

CA SACRAMENTO — Hate crimes in California dropped 10 percent last year, the second consecutive decline after a spike attributed to anti-Arab sentiment after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Both the number of crimes and the number of victims fell, though property crimes increased significantly. Hate crimes have fallen consistently since 1999 with the exception of 2001's targeting of Middle Eastern and Muslim individuals.

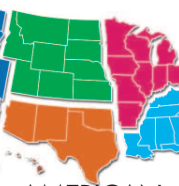
Anti-Arab acts immediately after the Sept. 11 attacks drove hate crimes up 15.5 percent in 2001. Hate crimes would have dropped 5 percent that year were it not for assaults and threats against Muslims or those who appeared to be of Middle Eastern descent.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who released the report, called the latest decline "a heartening trend" in prevention efforts must continue.

Another baby elephant

FL LAKE BUENA VISTA — Forget mice; Disney has bigger priorities — elephants.

An elephant's birth at Animal



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Kingdom is the theme park's second successful breeding in a year. The 230-pound female is named Kinga, "sunshine" in Swahili.

"It's a critical contribution to the conservation of animals," said John Lehman, animal operations director for Animal Kingdom.

"The more successful we are, the more we're looked at as more than just an entertainment company."

Animal Kingdom is working with the American Zoo and Aquarium Association's species-survival concept. Under this plan, association members work together to breed 125 species to maintain their population so zoos won't have to take as many animals from the wild, said Karen Goodrow, general curator for the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash., and co-chairwoman of the association's reproductive sciences advisory group.

Copter's hard landing

HI HILO — The pilot and six passengers on a tour helicopter escaped serious injury when the aircraft made a hard landing in a pasture in the Honokaa area of the Big Island.

One woman passenger on the Blue Hawaiian helicopter was treated for a sprained wrist at the



Heroines honored

Baggier Rob Schiavoni of Fort Edward, N.Y., salutes after playing his bagpipe at the end of the dedication ceremony of a new headstone in Union Cemetery in Fort Edward, N.Y., for Jane McCrea and Sara McNeil. The women became heroines of the American Revolution when in 1777 McCrea was scalped and McNeil was murdered.

North Hawaii Community Hospital in Waimea and released, Blue Hawaiian President Patty Chevalier said.

She said the pilot, whose name wasn't given, used his cellular telephone and notified the company that the helicopter had landed in upper Paualoa about 200 yards mauka of Kukuipapa Road.

County paramedics took four passengers to the North Hawaii Community Hospital.

"I'm very happy and grateful that everyone walked away from the hard landing, or whatever it was," Chevalier said.

Mammoth discovery

TX DALLAS — Among the rocks in a dry creek bed north of Dallas, two brothers found fossils that looked different and aroused their curiosity.

A Southern Methodist University professor has confirmed that the bone fragments from the town of Prosper came from a mammoth, dating to more than 10,000 years ago.

Samuel Wallace, 13, and brother Scott, 9, showed Dr. David Meltzer at SMU's anthropology department, over fossils and learned they had a cow shark's tooth more than 80 million years old and a piece of bone from a cervid, which is like a modern-day elk.

"We thought it was really neat to find something like that because we'd never found anything that old before," Samuel Wallace told The Dallas Morning News.

Dr. Dale Winkler, an SMU paleontologist, says the Wallace's discoveries are rare for the Dallas area.

Foul fumes to rich fuel

VT BRIDGPORT — The owners of a local farm are seeking state permission to set up an on-site, manure-to-energy operation that could be generating electricity by October.

Eugene, Ernest and Earl Audet — owners of the Blue Spruce Farm — filed an application for a certificate of public good last month to embark on the estimated \$1 million project.

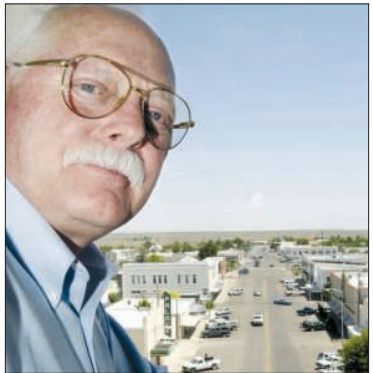
The system would allow the Audets to sell about \$125,000 per year in electricity to the Central Vermont Public Service Corp. and its customers, and save an estimated \$50,000 in annual costs for cattle bedding through materials derived from the manure-to-energy process.

"We are hoping, by the end of August, for this [certificate] to be issued," said Blue Spruce Farm attorney Ebenezer Punderson.

"We don't see any problems with this. No one has popped up to dispute this."

The project calls for construction of special equipment that will be heated to break down the raw manure produced by the farm's 1,900-head herd and turn it into liquid and solid components, while capturing methane gas.

The gas will be used to operate a 275-kilowatt generator, with the resulting power sold wholesale to CVPS as part of the company's renewable pricing program. That program gives customers the option of paying a premium price for electricity derived from the Blue Spruce operation and similar projects.



Traffic runs through it Presidio County Judge Jerry Agan sits in the Presidio County Court House, in Marfa, Texas, with an overview of the town's main street. Residents say an increase in traffic will damage the town's tourist economy. The 800-mile trade route called La Entrada al Pacifico runs through Marfa and is expected to provide a link between a Mexican Pacific port and the interior of the United States.



Pretty bad gig Divers pretend to play replicas of musical instruments Saturday at the Underwater Music Festival in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Big Pine Key, Fla. From left are Mel Herley on a French angelfish horn, Steven Murphy on a manta-lin, Nancy Herley on harmoni-crab and Brian Morgan on a trombonefish.



Riding out the storm

An advancing rain storm appears to pursue a cyclist eastward on Old Sauk Pass just west of Madison, Wis. The dark clouds eventually produced a downpour, which passed through the area late in the morning.



Marching to a different drummer

Boys from the summer day camp at the Old Barracks in Trenton, N.J., carry chairs from the camp's graduation ceremony, as the fire and drum band plays. Three sessions of the week-long camp, for 9- to 12-year-old children, are held during July.



Axes to grind

Brandon Boyers from McGrath, Alaska, left, works with Tommy Tinker and Riley Simon, from Hooper Bay, Alaska, to put out hot spots on the Wolf Creek wild fire near Chena Hot Springs, about 60 miles northeast of Fairbanks, Alaska. The fires have burned about 2 million acres of Alaska wild lands this year.

School's over, finally

WA EVERETT — Homecoming had to wait until the basketball season. The winter cruise until June.

But the Marysville-Pilchuck High School academic year — delayed a record 49 days by a teacher strike — finally ended with a commencement for the 589-member Class of 2004.

"We adults let you down, but you didn't let yourselves down," state Superintendent Terry Bergeson told the class, one of the largest in Washington.

The graduation — never scheduled in the regular school calendar — would have been held in early June had the walkout not occurred, school officials said.

A judge ordered teachers back to work in October. An agreement was reached on a two-year contract for the 664 teachers in April.

During stalled contract talks, the senior class president organized rallies and a camp-out to agitate for an end to the walkout.

Electrician sentenced

OH PAINESVILLE — An electrician was sentenced to 30 days in jail for causing a boy's death by improperly installing electric wires on a bumper car ride at a county fair.

Nick Rock, 81, also was sentenced to two years on probation. He was convicted in June of reckless homicide and involuntary manslaughter.

Witnesses said 8-year-old Greyson Yoe was holding a metal rail enclosing the Scooter ride when he called out "Help me" and dropped to the ground as he was electrocuted last August.

3 teens charged

FL VALRICO — Three white teenagers have been charged with spray-painting a swastika, profanities and references to the Ku Klux Klan on a black neighbor's garage and driveway.

Damian Yeager, 15, Phillip Belcher, 14, and John Bailey, 16, admitted using green paint to deface the home of Brenda Snow, said Hillsborough County sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter.

The teens were charged with criminal mischief as a hate crime, which is a felony, and processed at the Juvenile Assessment Center.

Snow said she found the paint and called authorities.

Belcher and Bailey had stayed over at Yeager's house, a few blocks away from Snow's home, officials said. The youths all had green paint on their hands and clothes, Carter said.

Snow said she also found a paint can on her car, one of which had been vandalized with paint two weeks earlier. It was unclear whether the incidents were related.

Neighbors offered to help pressure wash the paint off her driveway and paint over her garage, Snow said.

Tree bug alert

NH CONCORD — The discovery of several hundred insects infected with a harmful insect has agriculture officials scouring the state for other trees sold by the Chichester nursery where they

were found this summer.

The state has been struggling for years to keep the infestations of the wooly adelgid at bay. The tiny bugs attach to the underside of branches and suck out sap, which ultimately kills the tree.

Tom Durkis, state entomologist, said that so far New Hampshire's aggressive surveillance and quarantine policies have kept outbreaks limited to small pockets, a considerable feat given the widespread infestation in Massachusetts.

But Durkis said that last month several infested trees were discovered. The trees were part of a shipment of several hundred that had arrived from growers in Tennessee.

Fungus outbreak

KY LOUISVILLE — Kentucky tobacco farmers are waging a fight against a fast-spreading disease already being blamed for inflicting millions of dollars of damage to the state's signature burley crop.

Blue mold surfaced earlier than usual this year, and the contagious fungus that damages tobacco leaves has gained a foothold in some top-producing counties, crop experts said.

In some parts of the state is the nation's leading burley tobacco producer, the outbreak looms as one of the worst ever, said Gary Palmer, a University of Kentucky extension tobacco specialist.

For some growers, it could be more devastating than the outbreak in 1979, when Palmer said he saw "grown men almost crying because they had a beautiful crop one day, and a few days later it was in rags."

So far this year, blue mold has been found in 48 of Kentucky's 120 counties, Palmer said. Three-fourths of the state is under a blue mold watch or warning, he said. The mold is spread by spores through the air.

Cash and carry?

IL CHICAGO — A man suspected in Florida of having ties to an Islamic terrorist organization was arrested after an indictment accused him of making \$1.6 million in phony food stamp transactions.

Hatem Fariz, 31, pleaded innocent to wire and mail fraud charges. Another hearing was set and prosecutors said they planned to ask that Fariz be held without bail.

Prosecutors said Fariz defrauded the food stamp program five years ago at a store he owned in Chicago. Defense attorney Luis Galvan declined to comment on the charges.

Fariz lives in Spring Hill, Fla., where he is free on \$1.1 million bail while awaiting trial on federal racketeering and conspiracy charges in a separate case accusing him of being a member of a terrorist organization. He was arrested at his mother's home near Chicago.

According to the Chicago indictment, Fariz and his employees rang up transactions on customers' food stamp debit cards from May 1999 to December 2000. Under the indictment, the cardholders received cash instead of groceries, and Fariz collected a fee.

Stories and photos from news wires

'Game nights' gain popularity in bars, cafes

From Uno to Weakest Link, games rule

By MARTHA IRVINE
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Some cozy up at coffee houses to challenge friends to a game of Monopoly or, perhaps, Battleship. Others gather in pubs for a rowdy night of trivia, with prizes ranging from bragging rights to baseball tickets.

"Game night" has become the rage in many U.S. cities, as people search for new ways to socialize beyond the traditional bar scene.

"Everyone really gets into it," says Samantha Donaldson, a 25-year-old government worker who recently began competing in the packed "quizzo trivia night" at the Penn Avenue Pub House in Washington, D.C. She's enjoyed answering questions that test her breadth of knowledge, such as one category that challenged players to identify famous people with the initials "J.J." (James Joyce and Jermaine Jackson among them).

But quiz night — a tradition with British roots that's gained popularity over the years with TV shows such as "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" and "Weakest Link" — is just one version of game night.

At the Whistle Stop Bar in San



Ryoko Patrascu, 17, of Chicago, left, and Victoria Marsezalki, 18, of Harwood Heights, Ill., play the ancient Chinese board game of "Go" at a meeting of the Evanston Go Club, in Evanston, Ill. "Game nights" that feature everything from trivia quizzes to old standbys like Monopoly and Scrabble are becoming increasingly popular at bars, cafes and coffee houses.

Diego, patrons can play old standbys, from Candyland to Uno, during "games & grooves" night.

And several W hotels, including those in New York, San Francisco and Honolulu, have placed board games in their lobbies for guests to use.

Robin LaSota, a 36-year-old Chicagoan, has started storing Cranium — a popular game first marketed at Starbucks — in the trunk of her car.

"You just never know when it might come in handy," says LaSota, who's helped her Stanford University alumni club organize game nights at people's homes.

"It makes gatherings more fun and more meaningful."

At least one board game-maker says the notion that game night is only for kids or those with a limited social calendar also is disappearing.

"It's not the nerdy thing people might think it is. It's actually a great way to meet people," says Eric Poses, a 30-year-old from Santa Monica, Calif., who created the game Loaded Questions in 1997. That game, which is making the rounds at coffee houses and bars, features queries aimed at sparking conversation about hidden talents and favorite pastimes, among other things.

Thefad seems to be having an impact on sales of "adult" board games.

They were up 5 percent in 2003, compared with the previous year, according to The NPD Group, a research firm that tracks toy and game sales. That's a notable increase, say those in the industry, since overall toy sales fell about 3 percent during the same period.

"Obviously, games are some-

thing that stand the test of time," says Jim Silver, publisher of Toy Book, a trade publication.

That's certainly the case with Go, an ancient Asian game in which players strategically place black and white "stones" on a board to gain territory.

Mark Rubenstein, a 52-year-old software developer, used to call it a good night when more than two people showed up at an Evanston, Ill., cafe to play the game in the mid-'90s. Now, as many as 40 players come to play on any given night.

Sanja Rygielski, a 17-year-old high school student from Chicago, sought out the club after seeing a Japanese cartoon called "Hikaru no Go," about a boy who is inhabited by the ghost of an old Go player.

"It gets your mind going when there's no school," she said, while taking a break from a game.

Chris Urso — a 20-year-old college student whose math instructor introduced him to Go — says he was looking for something beyond computer games.

"This is three-dimensional," he says. "You can talk to the person you're playing."

Not that video games have to be anti-social.

Teens in Lake Oswego, Ore., and elsewhere are investing their own version of game night by hosting "LAN" parties — hooking into each other's Xbox, GameCube or PlayStation games via speedy local area networks, so they can play together in the same room while eating pizza.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (July 12)	106.00
S. Korean won (July 12)	1,121.00
Euro	\$1.2708
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Philippines (Peso)	55.76
S. Korea (Won)	1,121.00
Singapore (Dollar)	1.7015
S. Korea (Won)	1,121.00
Switzerland (Franc)	1.5520
Thailand (Baht)	54.80
Turkey (Lira)	1,482,750.00

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for U.S. military personnel. Exchange rates for non-military currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany) with your local currency are inter-bank. Commercial rates are inter-bank. Exchange rates for U.S. dollars are provided for the U.S. dollar only. All figures are foreign exchange rates as of July 12, 2004. For British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-euro, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Mercile close	
Gold	\$467.50
Silver	\$6.46

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.25
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	2.25
3-month bill	1.27
30-year mortgage	5.50

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

E-mailing your résumé

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — With more and more employers allowing — even requesting — online résumé submission, it's important to make your résumé Internet-worthy.

It's a different process than designing a résumé to be printed out and mailed. Each kind of computer operating system, such as Windows or Mac OS, translates data differently. So unless you're careful, the employer may not be able to open your e-mailed résumé or the file may look distorted.

To ensure that employers get the résumé that you want to present:

■ Avoid fancy fonts. Stick with some basic fonts that most computers have, such as Times

New Roman, Arial and Courier New. They are simple and professional and will look the same no matter what kind of software the employer uses to view your resume.

■ Save your document in a text format. While a program like Microsoft Publisher enables you to easily add graphics and create an eye-popping résumé, it saves files in a PDF format. The easiest type of file for employers to open would be a TXT file, which is how most word-processing programs save documents.

■ Keep it simple. Stay away from bullet lists, lots of indentations and centered alignments.

■ Check how the employer would like to receive your résumé. Some may want you to send it in the body of the e-mail while others prefer to have it as an attached file.

Report: Railroads hindering investigations into fatalities

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Railroads have failed to promptly report hundreds of fatal crashes over the past eight years, a violation of federal regulations that has thwarted numerous investigations into collisions with motor vehicles, The New York Times reported.

Enforcement of railroad rules is so lax that federal officials have said they were not even aware of the reporting problems, the newspaper reported on its Web site Saturday.

"It's a systemic failure," said James E. Hall, a former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board. "It's been something that has just not grabbed the attention, unfortunately, of the public."

On average, one person a day dies at a crossing in the United States. Over the past four years, more than twice as many people have been killed at grade crossings as have died in commercial plane crashes.

Most of those deaths are

blamed on drivers. But some railroads have hindered investigations into their own culpability by destroying, mishandling or simply losing evidence or not reporting the crashes properly in the first place, the newspaper said after a seven-month investigation.

Union Pacific, the nation's biggest railroad, was cited by The Times as an example of how railroads have repeatedly denied their own responsibility at fatal grade-crossing crashes.

In one recent 18-month period, the newspaper found, seven federal and state courts imposed sanctions on Union Pacific for destroying or failing to preserve evidence in crossing accidents, and an eighth court ordered a case retried.

Kathryn Blackwell, a spokeswoman for Union Pacific, said her company's policy was to keep records as long as federal law requires.

A spokesperson for the Federal Railroad Administration did not immediately return calls seeking comment.



FACES 'N' PLACES

Political gossip editor goes on-air

Ana Marie Cox, editor of the political gossip Web site Wonkette.com, will go from online to on-air as a correspondent for MTV during the Democratic National Convention.

Cox will report from the floor and around Boston during the convention, set for July 26-29, as part of the cable channel's "Choose or Lose 2004" coverage.

"Sure, I had been looking forward to watching the convention on C-SPAN from the air-conditioned comfort of my home office," the 31-year-old said, "but if I can't do that, appearing on television myself is the next best thing." Cox, who also will report for MTV.com, will join MTV News correspondents Gideon Yago and Swamy.

'The Price Is Right' for a bronze statue

A bronze statue honoring Bob Barker, longtime host of "The Price Is Right," was unveiled at the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame Plaza in Los Angeles.

Barker, 80, was named to the organization's hall of fame last month. "I think that this is just the culmination of everything for me professionally, I really do, and I'm delighted that the academy chose to do it," he said Thursday.

Barker has hosted the game show since it premiered in 1972.



Barker

Trump searches for next apprentice

Donald Trump hasn't even chosen his second apprentice, and he's already looking for his third.

Trump spent Friday interviewing prospective candidates for the third season of his hit NBC reality show, "The Apprentice," at Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles on Friday.

Some 200 hopefuls waited in line for a casting call.

The real estate mogul is only expected to make one other appearance during the casting tour—at the Trump Tower in New York City on July 30.

Auditions will be held in Miami, Boston, Honolulu, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, San Antonio, Jacksonville, Fla., Minneapolis, Chicago, San Francisco, Memphis, Tenn., Las Vegas, Cincinnati and Seattle.

NBC says prospective applicants should be able to "take risks, bounce back after failing, succeed in a cutthroat environment, go against the tide, remain focused, think creatively and be a leader."



Trump

Soul singer gets memorial bench

Fans of 1960s soul singer Darrell Banks have raised \$1,500 for a bench to stand at the grave, previously marked by a small disc wedged into a lawn at Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery.

On July 17, David Meikle and Lowell Boileau plan to gather in this Detroit suburb with Banks fans to dedicate the Darrell Banks Memorial Bench. Meikle and Boileau are creators of the Web site SoulfulDetroit.com.

Actor fights against AIDS in third world

Prejudice keeps people in wealthy countries from paying attention to the worldwide AIDS epidemic, said British actor Rupert Everett, visiting Thailand to attend the 15th International AIDS Conference.

"We are extremely racist," the 45-year-old actor told reporters Thursday, adding that patients in developed countries such as the United States have access to health care to manage AIDS while the disease devastates poorer nations.

Everett, the voice of Prince Charming in the animated movie "Shrek 2," has visited Africa and Asia as a goodwill ambassador for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a private foundation that raises money to combat the diseases.

"What Cambodia needs, like everybody else needs, is more—more money," he said Thursday in Bangkok.



Everett

Photos and stories from The Associated Press



Photo courtesy of ABC

ABC's Deborah Roberts, in red and black jacket, talks to, from left, Bette Midler, Glenn Close, Matthew Broderick, Faith Hill and Nicole Kidman about their remake of "The Stepford Wives." Broderick says he is happy to be hidden among other stars.

'Invisible,' and loving it

Matthew Broderick enjoys life just outside the spotlight

BY BARRY KOLTNOV
The Orange County Register

Matthew Broderick has learned how to make himself invisible.

The trick, according to the actor, is to walk behind a celebrity who's more famous than you.

"I learned that when I was working on a movie with Meg Ryan a few years ago," he explained. "If I fell behind about 10 steps, everybody would run up and bother her without even noticing me. It was great."

Broderick said he has employed the same trickery on occasion when he ventures out of his New York City home with his wife of seven years, Sarah Jessica Parker, the very famous star of the now-defunct HBO series "Sex and the City."

"If you're with a super-famous person, like Sarah, you can use their status to your advantage," he said. "I do it all the time at premieres and other public events. People want to talk to Sarah much more than they want to talk to me. It can just stand there and be invisible."

"But it's getting harder since our son was born. There are many people who seem to find it interesting to photograph a celebrity couple with a baby. It's not really me they're interested in; it's Sarah and the baby. I just happen to be there."

Well, Parker isn't the one who has a new movie. That would be Broderick, who stars opposite Nicole Kidman in the remake of the 1975 cult classic "The Stepford Wives."

In the new version, which plays more as a comedy than a thriller like the original, Broderick is an anonymous television network vice president married to the high-profile president of the same network.

After she suffers a sudden reversal of fortune, he moves the family from the big city to the placid suburb of Stepford, Conn., where men can be men and women can be robots.

The original film was intended to explore the male reaction to what was then an embryonic feminist movement. It's almost three decades later and the filmmakers apparently believe the same issues exist.

"Personally, I have never had a problem with my wife's fame and fortune," he added with a laugh. "In fact, I encouraged her to sign for another season on TV because I knew they'd back up a truckload of money. I don't mind at all if she makes more money."

Broderick said he never considered his marital situation as similar to the one depicted in the movie until he started talking to members of the media.

"I swear that I never thought about it until two days ago when I began doing interviews for this movie and reporters started asking me if I thought my wife was anything like my character. I still don't see it, but I guess that's bound to happen if you're married to someone who's on another level of fame like Sarah."

Broderick's level of fame is hardly chopped liver. The actor was born 41 years ago into a show business family. His father was the late James Broderick, who starred on the respected TV series "Family."

The younger Broderick resisted the actor's life for a while, until he made his professional acting debut opposite his father in the stage play "On Valentine's Day." He was 17.

In 1983, Broderick won the first of his two Tonys in Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs." He won his second in 1995 for the revival of the musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

More recently, he starred with Nathan Lane in Mel Brooks' "The Producers," the record-breaking production that will be turned into a movie next year with Lane and Broderick reprising their roles.

Broderick said he idolized Brooks before working with him, but was concerned about the plan to turn a cult film into a Broadway musical.

"Like so many people, I grew up a huge Mel Brooks fan," he said.

"So it was to fall asleep at night listening to the "2,000-year-old Man" records. And I memorized all of "Young Frankenstein."

"So it was a thrill when Mel asked me to be in this new show, but I couldn't help but to worry that we might be messing up a classic. Sure, people look at 'The Producers' now and say it was a no-brainer, but at the time I was concerned about whether it would work."

"Then one day, Nathan [who beat out Broderick for the Tony] said: 'Listen, it's Mel's [project] to screw up. If it doesn't work, everybody will blame him, not us.'"

Broderick first was noticed in the 1983 film "WarGames," in which he played a high schooler who almost starts World War III while playing computer games. Three years later, he starred in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," which remains his most memorable movie role.

He recently moved to the small screen for the ABC movie "The Music Man," but will return to the big screen in "The Last Shot" and "Marie and Bruce," his next two movies after "The Stepford Wives."

But these new films will have to wait until after the summer. He said he's taking a few months off to work on his role as father to 19-month-old James Wilke Broderick.

Horoscope

The moon in Gemini is a friendly, productive influence. If you find yourself on the phone for twice your usual minutes, don't be surprised, but do consider getting on a new phone plan that accommodates this loquacious astrological vibe. You'll feel like staying home and doing as much as you can from that base of operation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(July 12). This year you educate yourself well, letting others enrich you with their experience. You don't have to go through the pitfalls this way! Now through the beginning of September is the time to knuckle down and make some serious money. Romance blossoms out of a solid friendship base this fall. Love signs are Aquarius and Pisces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

When it comes to adjusting to the unexpected, you're a real pro, sort of like the NBA basketball player who can shift strategies mid-air. You'll get points for grace. Loved ones are looking on in awe. What a role model.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

There are so many loose ends that require your attention that it's challenging to focus on one thing at a time — but one thing at a time is the only way to finish. Allow yourself to miss some in order to get into the mood to work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your home life is humming with energy.

Realizations about where you are and where you want to be cause you to shift into high gear. It's like you're seeing your world from the point of view of a stranger who just wandered in.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The spotlight is on your reactions. What you do with new information is original, whimsical and surprising to those around you. You truly know what it is to feel light of heart.

Don't follow every lead. Be selective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Usually, your luck comes from just being who you are — a charismatic person. But

today, the odds are also in your favor as "dumb luck" befalls you! Tonight, the decision is yours to make — so why is everyone else so involved?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Being sold in your own agenda gives you a terrific base from which to help others — and helping others is how you're payfully filled. You might deliver the funniest e-mail anyone has seen in a long time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Taking in art, literature, music and intelligent conversation will get your gears oiled again. You'll be back in a creative mode in no time. Perfect solutions are born of this fertile mind-set. Your choices reflect maturely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Because you're a possibility thinker, you'll be asking yourself the tough questions — like "Should I really be living in this town?" Put yourself on the back for being brave enough to even consider leaving what you know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You love to portray the one who's got it all figured out, a big player and a real cool cat. And by stepping into the role you do become this to some extent. But try to allow yourself room for vulnerability, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your sense of community is strong, and you take your responsibility to society at large very seriously — something that shows not only in the activities you choose but also in the attitude you adopt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Reach to the outer community's network. Connecting with people in a similar position will be the key to success. You'll be rounding out your support group with some impressive and knowledgeable individuals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Though the workweek has just begun, you're already thinking of vacation. Don't wait for your drive to kick in — it may not today. Set a low quota for yourself. Not all offers of help are great to accept. Tune in to your sixth sense.

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Joyce Jillion



Calvin and Hobbes



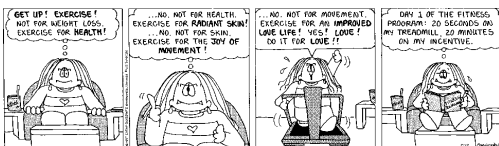
Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts



Fotrot



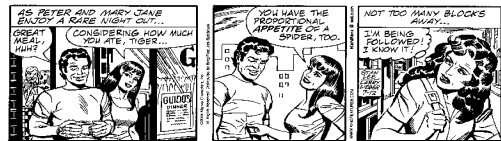
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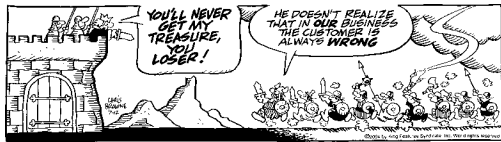
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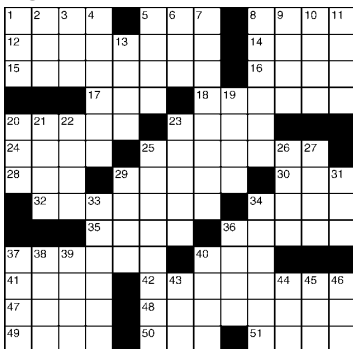
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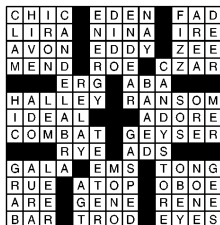
Eugene Sheffer Crossword



Across

- 1 Fashion
- 5 Small shots
- 8 Pleads
- 12 Clear a hurdle
- 14 Notion
- 15 Field game
- 16 "The View" alumna Lisa
- 17 Nitwit
- 18 Chews the scenery
- 20 Kasperov's soldiers
- 23 Thrice Dill
- 24 Was contrite
- 25 Kegler's pastime
- 28 Man-mouse leader
- 29 Kermit's sound
- 30 "Town"
- 32 Toxicophile's sport
- 34 Greek cheese
- 35 Meadows
- 36 Entourage
- 37 Crafty
- 40 Mess up
- 41 Poet Angelou
- 42 Field game
- 47 Scandinavian man's name
- 48 Motivates
- 49 Vanished
- 50 Comic Louis
- 51 Act
- 2 Breakfast for Brutus?
- 3 Calendar abbr.
- 4 Quick trip
- 5 Gershwin heroine
- 6 — relief
- 7 Race place
- 8 Mississippi city
- 9 Tend a text
- 10 DNA component
- 11 Succumbs to gravity
- 13 Red-ink entry
- 19 Coconut juice
- 20 Expert
- 21 Emanation
- 22 Have on
- 23 "Wuthering Heights" locale
- 25 Kitchen container
- 26 Unfavorable votes
- 27 Courage
- 29 Masticate
- 31 "Norma —"
- 33 Split in two
- 34 Ban
- 36 Preliminary measure
- 37 Urban problem
- 38 Head light
- 39 No-hit legend
- 43 Existence (Lat.)
- 43 One or more
- 44 Exist
- 45 Appomattox VIP
- 46 Hallucinogenic drug

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Down

- 1 Actress Gretchen

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CRYPTOQUIP

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KXVM XTUX BK LGVF.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: If AN ANGRY BIRD WERE TO LAND ON A DOORKNOB, I GUESS IT WOULD FLY OFF THE HANDLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals S

Adjusting to child's homosexuality

Dear Abby: I noticed that my 16-year-old daughter wasn't her usual self. So I questioned her one night and asked if there was anything bothering her, or if she was worried about something. She started crying and told me she is gay.

I responded by crying with her and asking her if she was sure. She said she was. I told her she is still my daughter and I love her very much, but that I can't help hoping she's just confused and that as time goes on, she might see that this is not who she really is. I'm trying my best to accept it, but it is difficult at times.

Please help me understand if my feelings are normal.

—Confused Parent in Texas
Dear Confused: Your feelings are normal. Most parents have plans and dreams for their children, and your child has turned out differently than you expected. I admire your daughter for her courage and honesty in telling

you about her orientation, and I admire you for making it safe for her to do so.

Your next step is to contact PFLAG. I have mentioned this organization many times before in my column. It offers support groups, educational outreach and more to families and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered family members. The Web site is www.pflag.org and the telephone number is (202) 467-8180. Please send me to contact them. They will welcome you with open arms.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I am nearly in my 30s and have this little problem. I tend to fall in love really easily. I sometimes can't tell if it's love, lust, or just a strong connection.

I have lost some very good friends because I became insecure and jealous when they showed an interest in other peo-

ple. They weren't leading me on, they weren't giving me mixed signals—I just fell for these people.

Last week I was so depressed I didn't eat for four days because of an incident like this. I got jealous because the object of my affections was on a date.

Rationally, I know I need to be there as a friend because most great relationships are built on friendships first. How can I tame my heart and not fall so easily?

—The Fall in D.C.
Dear Fallen: It isn't your heart that needs taming—it is your insecurity! When people encounter needy, clingy, jealous people, their instinct is to run, not walk, in the opposite direction. Counseling could help you. You must get a grip and learn to like yourself more. Once you do, you will feel less threatened if someone you like wants to take his (or her) time before making a commitment.

Letters for this column—with your name and phone number—should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can email to Abby on the internet at <http://www.ueppress.com/dearabby> Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RYDYL

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LEZBA

IMMORE

FRASIA

Answers:

RYDYL = DYLYR

LEZBA = BALEZ

IMMORE = REMORE

FRASIA = ASIRAF

Answers (tomorrow)

Jumbles: CHAOS TONIC CRAFTY BAKERY
Answer: What the comedian made when his car hit the building — A NASTY "CRACK"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginor
The 800-930-4000 has been DISCONTINUED



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers (tomorrow)

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Marriage stifled by depressed wife

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Doris" for 30 years, and we have three grown children. Doris and I have not been intimate for over two years, and our sex life wasn't so great before that. We don't sleep in the same room, much less the same bed.

Doris and I get along OK, but I've lost all desire for her. In fact, I don't really want to be married to her anymore. We never go out together. We eat our meals at different times and in different areas of the house. We spend most of our time in separate rooms, reading different books or watching different television shows.

Doris has withdrawn not only from me, but also from our children, her family, friends and neighbors.

The only thing Doris seems to be interested in is exercise. She spends 20 hours a week running, bicycling and working out.

How can I get out of this awful marriage and minimize

Annie's Mailbox



the hurt I will cause Doris and my children? Can you at least confirm that I am justified to be thinking about this?

— Miserable in Denver
Dear Miserable: You are justified. However, it sounds to us as if Doris is clinically depressed, and she may be going through menopause as well. The constant

exercise probably makes her feel good because it releases endorphins (natural pain relievers) into her bloodstream.

Has Doris discussed her lack of libido and her social isolation with her doctor? Ask her to look into this before her attitude wrecks what's left of your marriage. She needs to understand how close to the brink you are.

Dear Annie: I have worked for my current employer for six years. I started out doing grunt work and ended up as assistant

manager. As soon as I became pregnant, however, I was demoted. Two months ago, our manager took a job in another city, and I thought I would be moved back to the assistant manager's position.

When nothing happened, I called my district manager, and he said, "I figured you would not want that position because you are a mom." I was incensed. Worse, they hired a man, and I am training him.

I have made up my mind to quit. Am I overreacting?

—North Dakota
Dear North Dakota: Has your district manager been living under a rock for the past 20 years? Demoting you when you became pregnant, and passing you over for a promotion because you have children, is called sexual discrimination, and you can sue the company. We recommend you contact a lawyer.

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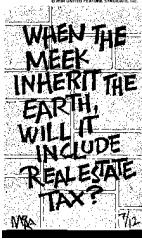
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Family Circus



"Randy Johnson pitched a perfect game at 40, so I have 33 years to go."

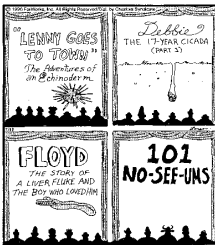
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Dennis the Menace



The Far Side



Nature films that Disney lost-marketed but never released

Non Sequitur



Justin Labonte gets 1st Busch victory

The Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — When Justin Labonte tumbled off on his victory lap, waving the checkered flag from his window, it was hard to tell who was prouder — father or son.

Labonte extended his family's winning tradition to another generation Saturday, earning his first NASCAR

Busch series victory at the Tropicana Twister 300 as his father Terry looked on. "To me, personally, it was bigger than any win I've ever had," said Terry Labonte, a two-time NASCAR Winston Cup champion. "I couldn't even talk after the race. It's pretty special, it really is. I don't know what else to say."

Running on Mike Wallace's bumper for the last three laps, Justin Labonte said he didn't think he could catch Wallace. But Wallace ran out of gas after they took the white flag for the final lap, and Justin Labonte flew by him and cruised to the win.

He beat Jason Keller by 0.419 seconds. Jeff Burton was third. "I was going to do a burnout," Justin Labonte said, "but I can't remember my dad saying nobody should do a burnout."

Terry Labonte has always been understated in his victory celebrations, getting the checkered flag and holding it out the window as



Justin Labonte holds the Tropicana Twister 300 trophy after winning at Chicagoland Speedway Saturday, in Joliet, Ill.

he takes his victory lap. There also was the matter of the engine. Justin Labonte is running part-time on the Busch series this year, and he knew he couldn't afford to blow out his best engine.

So while the rest of the field left the track, Justin Labonte drove to the flagstand and asked for the checkered flag. It dropped on the roof, and lay there for several seconds before Justin climbed halfway out of the car and grabbed it.

"He didn't have the fastest car, but something good happened to a good person and a good family,

and that's pretty cool to see," Burton said. "He earned the race, nobody gave it to him. People will say he got lucky. They made the right call. They made the right calls to win the race."

And they got all the calls after the race. Terry Labonte said his cell phone started ringing as he stepped out the hauler where he'd watched the race — "Wore a hole in the top of it" — to victory lane, and didn't stop. It was still ringing on an hour later, as he and Justin talked with reporters.

Justin was in victory lane when he got a phone call from his uncle, Bobby, who won the NASCAR championship in 2001.

"I don't know where he's at, but he said he was watching on TV," Justin Labonte said. "I hate he missed it because he was a big part of this."

Schumacher wins British GP
SILVERSTONE, England — Michael Schumacher was tested Sunday at the British Grand Prix — if only for 15 laps.

Schumacher won for the 10th time in 11 races this season, but not before holding off last-ditch challenges from McLaren's Kimi Raikkonen and Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello.

A crash on the 40th lap resulted in a safety car, reducing Schumacher's seemingly comfortable lead and setting up an intense 15-lap race to the finish.

Schumacher prevailed again,

however, for the 80th victory of his career. Raikkonen finished 2.1 seconds behind with Barrichello another second back.

"It's just unbelievable what's happening to me and the team this year," said Schumacher, whose winning time was 1 hour, 24 minutes, 42.700 seconds. His average speed was 135.738 mph. "I think it got interesting when Jarno Trulli of Renault crashed his car with 20 laps to go. He walked away after the car had spun several times and flipped over, eventually landing in a gravel run-off area."

The crash and safety car allowed Raikkonen a third pit stop.

Schumacher, who was safely in the lead, had already made two and didn't need another, and was anticipating pulling away when Raikkonen stopped again after the 45th lap. Schumacher held a narrow 0.2-second lead over Raikkonen. The last 15 laps featured some of the best racing of the season, with Schumacher slowly pulling away from Raikkonen and Barrichello to win his third British Grand Prix.

NASCAR changes rules for scoring on pit road

JOLIET, Ill. — Recognizing that complicated rules changes have led to new problems, NASCAR President Mike Helton said Saturday the series will return to its old way of scoring cars on pit road under a caution.

The positions of the cars on the track will be "frozen" once the yellow flag waves, but Helton said pit lane will now be active.

The change is effective immediately, and will affect all three of NASCAR's top series.

"That's how we used to do it, and it's pretty black-and-white," Helton said.

Unlike many racing bodies, NASCAR does not revert back to the order of the last completed green-flag lap when there's a caution.

Drivers used to race to the finish line when a yellow flag came out, but NASCAR scrapped that practice last fall for safety considerations.

Instead, NASCAR decided to "freeze the field" under caution. The change has caused much debate — and confusion — over how to freeze the drivers' position, and Helton was forced to apologize after drivers at the Michigan 400 in Dover ran 24 laps under caution while officials struggled to figure out the correct order of cars.

Under the change announced Saturday, a car pitting behind on the start-finish line when the caution comes out must reach that line before the lead car gets to the same point on the track. If it doesn't, it loses a lap to the leader.

Cars pitting in front of the start-finish line have to reach the pit road exit line before the lead car reaches the same point on the track to stay on the lead lap. Antennas and cameras will be used to ensure proper scoring.

Austria upsets U.S. in Fed Cup

The Associated Press

INNSBRUCK, Austria — Barbara Schwartz beat Lisa Raymond 10-8 in the third set Sunday to clinch Austria's upset of the United States in the Fed Cup quarterfinals.

Coupled with Barbara Schett's 6-3, 6-2 win over Chanda Rubin in the day's opening match, Austria's 2-1 victory gave Austria a 3-1 lead in the best-of-five series.

"It's an unbelievable performance," Schett said. "Reaching the semifinals for the second time in three years is a great accomplishment for a country like Austria."

The United States had won the Fed Cup 17 times and reached the semifinals in 35 of the competition's 41 years.

But Raymond and Rubin gave the United States a third-straight squad, because such stars as Venus and Serena Williams, Lindsay Davenport and Jennifer Capriati opted not to play.

"I knew it would be hard to get people in July," first-year U.S. captain Zina Garrison said. "I didn't look at it like I was missing my four top players. I had full confidence in the players here."

the eve of the matches.

On Sunday, Schwartz, ranked just 324th, was carried off the court on her teammates' shoulders after she held on to beat the 30th-ranked Raymond in a nearly three-hour match.

"I had her a couple of times, but I didn't put the ball in the coffin," said Raymond.

Federer earns first Swiss title

GSTAAD, Switzerland — Wimbledon champion Roger Federer beat Andre Agassi 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 Sunday to win the Swiss Open for the first time.

It's the tour-leading seventh title of the season for the top-ranked Federer, who has won his last nine finals.

"I always believed that I could win in Switzerland," said Federer, who adjusted quickly to this tournament's red clay after beating Andy Roddick in the Wimbledon final for his 24th straight victory on grass.

Federer entered Sunday with 17 tour titles, including three from Grand Slam tournaments, but he never had managed to win in his home country. Last year, Federer won Wimbledon then came to the Swiss Open and lost in the final to Jiri Novak.

Federer is only the second Swiss man to win the Swiss Open. The other was Heinz Gunthard in 1980; Gunthard later coached Steffi Graf and worked with Jennifer Capriati this year.

Hawks waiting for Martin

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks are willing to wait for Kenyon Martin.

The New Jersey Nets' free agent was expected to leave Atlanta on Saturday with a six-year maximum contract offer — as much as \$85 million.

"Going through the process, we let the guy know we have a great team and a great facility and we have an interest in putting the best team together," Hawks vice president Dominique Wilkins told The Associated Press Saturday.

Martin, however, is a restricted free agent, which means if he signs the Hawks' offer sheet, New Jersey can take 15 days to decide whether to match it.

By that point, the free agent market may have dwindled considerably. Players can begin signing with new teams on Wednesday, and if the Nets decide on the 15th day to match the offer, Atlanta — and its \$20 million in cap space — could be left without a high-profile free agent.

Martin has said he would prefer to remain with New Jersey, but the Nets may not be willing to match a maximum offer.

6-foot-9 power forward has also visited the Denver Nuggets. Martin, a 2004 All-Star, averaged 14.7 points and 9.5 rebounds for the Nets last season. The former Cincinnati standout was the first pick in the 2000 NBA draft, and has helped the Nets reach the



American Lisa Raymond lost to Austria's Barbara Schwartz 7-6 (3), 4-6, 10-8 on Sunday.

NBA Finals twice in four seasons.

Reports: Pacers looking to trade Harrington for Jackson

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers are negotiating a trade that could send forward Harrison to Atlanta for Stephen Jackson, according to reports.

"We're close and hopefully it will be done soon. I'm definitely hoping it works out," Jackson told The Indianapolis Star on Saturday from his home in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Star and ESPN.com reported Saturday night that the 26-year-old Jackson would sign a six-year contract worth \$44 million with Atlanta and then be traded to the Pacers for Harrington. Harrington, who has two years and \$13.3 million left on his contract, is one of the NBA's top sixth men but wants more playing time.

Shaq reportedly reached deal

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"No extension was agreed upon. That was never a condition for Shaquille," Rogers said. "He wanted to go to an environment that was a team environment. We feel confident that that's what Pat Riley and [owner] Micky Arison have created as a culture. This is the type of place that Shaquille would love to finish his career."

Los Angeles' general manager announcement of Rudy Tomjanovich's hiring as the Lakers' new coach was partially overshadowed — by the O'Neal trade talk and Kelly Bryant's free agency.

Tomjanovich said he spoke with O'Neal, but declined to divulge any details. "I just hope all those things turn out well," he said.

"I don't know what this is going to play out, I really don't," he said. "Whether it's something to report, we'll report it."

Kupchak said that he had not spoken with O'Neal or his representatives, but added: "Shaquille has a unique way of doing things. His information should know."

Last year, O'Neal averaged a career-low 21.5 points with 11.5 rebounds and 2.48 blocks.



Thor Hushovd of Norway reacts as he crosses the finish line to win the 8th stage of the Tour de France. Kim Kirchen of Luxembourg is seen at right foreground, and Erik Zabel of Germany, rear.

Hushovd sprints to win

Tour contenders eye rest, looming climbs

BY JOHN LEICESTER

The Associated Press

QUIMPER, France — Thor Hushovd sprinted to the finish line to win the rain-soaked eighth stage of the Tour de France on Sunday, with Lance Armstrong and other top contenders behind in the trailing pack.

Hushovd, from Norway, used a closing burst of speed to win the 104-mile stage from Lamballe to Quimper. The ride included four modest hill climbs and was run mostly through rain.

"The Vikings have returned to Brittany," said Hushovd, who completed the stage in 3 hours, 54 minutes, 22 seconds. "Today really was my day. I'm very happy."

Overall, Armstrong remained in sixth place, 9 minutes and 35 seconds behind leader Thomas Voeckler. Jan Ullrich is still 55 seconds behind Armstrong. American Tyler Hamilton is 36 seconds behind the five-time champion.

All three riders clocked the same time as Hushovd. Ullrich finished 21st, Hamilton 30th and Armstrong 33rd.

Hushovd placed third in the first stage, second in Stage 2 and won the overall leader's yellow jersey for one day in the first week. He said he is aiming to win the green jersey for the best sprinter when the Tour finishes in Paris on July 25.

Armstrong, Ullrich and other top riders have largely focused on avoiding crashes that could end their Tour hopes. Their sights are fixed on the Pyrenees that come at the end of this week and the Alps that follow.

"Today, I had trouble because it was slippery and dangerous," Ullrich said.



Tour de France chief doctor Gerard Porte, right, takes care of French cyclist Samuel Dumoulin after he crashed on Sunday. Top riders have largely focused on avoiding crashes that could end their hopes.

On Monday, the tired pack gets a well-earned day of rest before embarking on the trials of the Massif Central, where the Tour will get its first taste of the mountains.

Jon Bruyneel, sporting director of Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team, said the rest would allow the squad to catch its breath. Overall, Armstrong is satisfied with the first week, he said. "It was a happy despite the bad weather, the falls. We try to avoid the falls," Bruyneel said. "We had some scary moments, but I think it was the same for all the teams. Every team has suffered some damage."

"Seeing all that has happened, the rest day will be very welcome."

The victory by the 26-year-old Hushovd capped a week where youth has largely triumphed over experience.

The Tour's youngest rider, Italy's 22-year-old Filippo Pozzato, won Saturday's stage from Chateaubriant to Saint-Brieuc in Brittany.

Voeckler is just 25. Other young stars of the first week included 23-year-old Swiss rider Fabian Cancellara, who beat 32-year-old Armstrong into second place in the debut time trial.

"This is a real turning point," said Jean-Rene Bernaudeau, general manager of Voeckler's team. "There's a generation arriving and some old riders in their thirties who are still in the saddle."

Levet wins Scottish, earns spot in British

The Associated Press

LUSS, Scotland — Thomas Levet matched the lowest round of his career Sunday, an 8-under 63 that gave him a one-shot victory in the Scottish Open and put his vacation plans on hold.

Along with his first victory in three years, the Frenchman earned an unlikely trip to the British Open.

Golf roundup

"It is something enormous," Levet said after a 29 on the back nine. "I don't think I will sleep tonight. Too much adrenaline. Too much happiness."

With five players jockeying for the lead on a cool, gray afternoon along the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, the 35-year-old Levet was not even in the picture. All that changed with a birdie-eagle-birdie run that started on the par-3 11th, and an approach to 3 feet on the final hole for the birdie that mattered.

One spot at the British Open was available to the top finisher at Loch Lomond not already eligible. Levet, who finished at 15-under 269, got his third European tour victory and another shot at the claret jug that eluded him two years ago when he lost in a five-hole playoff to Ernie Els.

"I don't have any clothes," Levet said. "My wife was planning a holiday next week. She'll go to Tooton instead."

Michael Campbell was poised to win until trying to drive the green on the 345-yard 14th and going into the creek, making bogey, then dropping another stroke by blading a bunker shot over the green on the 15th.

He still had a chance to tie on the final hole, but his 18-foot birdie putt was just turned away. Campbell finished with a 70.

Defending champion Ernie Els also was in the hunt, but he bogeyed the 12th and missed an 8-foot birdie putt on the par 5 13th that robbed him of momentum. Still, he closed with a 68 and tied for third with David Howell (70).

James leads Senior Players

DEARBORN, Mich. — England's Mark James shot a 5-under 67 on Saturday and took advantage of Dana Quigley's quadruple bogey to take a three-stroke lead in the Senior Players Championship.

James took a 14 under 202 total into the final round with second-round leaders Gary McCord and Spain's Jose Maria Canizares were tied for second after 71s.

Quigley shared the lead with James at 14 under until he fell apart at the par 5 17th. After his drive left him 232 yards from the hole, he went for the green, but fell short and into the water.

He dropped, then found water again before hitting over the green. Quigley then chipped well past the hole before two-putting for a 9.

Coceres in control of Deere

SILVIS, Ill. — Argentina's Jose Coceres put himself in good position to win his third PGA Tour title, shooting two 3-under 68s to take a two-stroke lead in the John Deere Classic.

Coceres, whose only bogey in 25 holes Saturday came on his final hole, had a 15-under 198 total. Australia's Greg Chalmers was second after finishing off a third-round 69 with a birdie.

Both Coceres and Chalmers finished the rain-delayed second round on Saturday morning, with Coceres taking a one-stroke lead over Chalmers into the third round.

Mallon breaking away

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — U.S. Women's Open champion Meg Mallon shot a 7-under 65 to extend her lead to four strokes in the Canadian Women's Open.

Mallon, 16 under for the tournament and 26 under in her last five rounds, is in position to become only the third player to follow a U.S. Women's Open win with a victory the next week.

Both Daniel, the winner last year in British Columbia, was second after a 67.

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Texas, Rogers know to fold long before Red Sox hit 21

Rangers ace can't survive two innings at Fenway

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox no longer need to rely so heavily on Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz.

While Ramirez hit two of Boston's five home runs, the Red Sox used a balanced attack, amassing a season-high 21 hits to rout the Texas Rangers 14-6 on Saturday night for their fifth straight victory.

"With everyone back [healthy], it's just the added confidence that everyone needed," said Red Sox second baseman Mark Bellhorn, who tied a career high with four hits, including a homer and three RBIs.

"Manny and David have carried us, but now up and down the lineup we know we can get it done."

Bellhorn, Nomar Garciaparra, and Jason Varitek also homered for the Red Sox, who have their longest winning streak since also winning five in a row May 21-26. Boston roughed up Kenny Rogers, who entered leading the majors with 12 victories.

The Red Sox's Nos. 1-4 hitters — Johnny Damon, Bellhorn, Garciaparra, and Ramirez — went a combined 15-for-21 with four homers and 10 RBIs. Bellhorn, Garciaparra, and Ramirez each had four hits.

"The top of our lineup tonight was unbelievable," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Derek Lowe (7-8) got to a rough start, allowing six unearned runs in the second inning

— including Hank Blalock's grand slam.

But the Rangers' 6-3 lead didn't last long. The Red Sox scored five runs off Rogers (12-3) in the bottom of the second. Bellhorn and Ramirez each hit two-run homers in the inning to put the Red Sox up 8-6 and end the night for Rogers.

"As frustrating as it was to give up six in the second inning, it was that much more rewarding to see [us] continually score runs," Lowe said.

It was the shortest start of the season for Rogers, who gave up eight runs over just 1 1/2 innings. The loss snapped his career-high eight-game winning streak. Rogers refused comment after the game, but said his pulled right hamstring was not a factor in his poor performance.

"I tip my hat to the Red Sox," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "They've done that to a lot of good pitchers this year."

Bellhorn's 11th homer came after he committed two errors at second base in the top of the second that led to the Rangers' unearned runs.

Lowe, who allowed 17 earned runs in 16 1/2 innings in losing his previous three starts, held the Rangers in check after the second, surrendering only one hit over his last five innings. He gave up four hits before being relieved by Alan Embree in the eighth inning.

"The one pitch to Blalock, he left a fastball



Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra swings at a pitch from Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers. Garciaparra hit one of three Boston home runs off Rogers in the first two innings.

up that got hammered," Francona said. "But he continued to make them put the ball in play. And then he came back after that inning and was fantastic."

The Red Sox added three runs in the third inning off John Waddell on Garciaparra's double and Ramirez's second two-run homer — his AL-leading 25th.

Garciaparra hit season highs for RBIs in a game with five when he singled in the fifth.

Varitek's two run shot in the eighth — his 10th — gave the Red Sox a 14-6 lead.

Jeter's big hit, A-Rod's big bomb pace N.Y.

The Associated Press

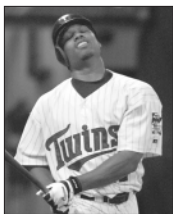
NEW YORK — Derek Jeter's three-run double snapped a seventh-inning tie, Alex Rodriguez homered into the left-field upper deck and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-3 on Saturday.

"It's remarkable how far Derek Jeter has come in the last six, seven weeks," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He handles pressure better than any player I've ever been around."

Jon Lieber (7-5) gave the Yankees their best start in more than two weeks, pitching seven innings to win his second consecutive outing. New York has beaten Tampa Bay three straight times after dropping five of six against the New York Mets and Detroit.

"I think the command was a little bit better, and that was the key to the ballgame," Lieber said. "That, and keeping the ball down. The slider was up a little bit in that first inning. I think I was overthrowing at times."

Tom Gordon allowed a run in



Minnesota's Jacque Jones closes his eyes in disgust after popping out in the ninth inning of the Twins' 4-2 loss to the Detroit.

the eighth, but Mariano Rivera needed just five pitches to get three outs for his AL-leading 32nd save in 34 chances in front of 54,680 on Old-timers' Day at Yankee Stadium.

Dewon Brazelton (2-2) took the loss for the Devil Rays, who lost for the ninth time in the last 10 games at Yankee Stadium and fell to 4-7 in July after going 20-6 in June. It's only the second series they've lost in their last 15.

Angels 11, Blue Jays 2: Bengie Molina hit a grand slam during a seven-run seventh inning and Kevin Escobar had nine strikeouts against his former team at SkyDome.

Tim Lincecum got his first hit against a left-hander this season

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by doubling off Ted Lilly in the fifth — ending an 0-for-40 stretch.

Escobar (5-5) allowed two runs on five hits and two walks in 5 1/2 innings.

Lilly (7-6) didn't allow a base runner until Garrett Anderson singled with two outs in the fourth, but he ended up giving up six runs on six hits in 6 1/2 innings.

Orioles 7, Royals 2: Daniel Cabrera allowed three hits over seven innings and Rafael Palmeiro hit his 541st career home run, leading the Orioles past the visiting Royals.

Luis Lopez had a season-high three hits, scored twice and drove in a run for the Orioles, who snapped a three-game skid to avoid falling 12 games under .500 for the first time this season.

Starting in place of injured Sidney Ponson, Cabrera (6-3) didn't allow a runner past first base in beating Kansas City for the second time in 11 days.

Mike Wood (2-1) took the loss for the Royals, who have dropped 14 of 16 while being outscored 110-39.

White Sox 3, Mariners 2: Mark Buehrle pitched eight innings and Paul Konerko homered to lead the White Sox in Chicago. The Mariners have lost a season-high eight straight, their longest streak since September 1992, when they lost a club-record 14 in a row. At 32-53, Seattle is 12 games below .500 for the first

time since Aug. 2, 1994. They've also lost 11 straight on the road.

Buehrle (9-2) gave up two runs and nine hits in winning for the eighth time in nine decisions. Shingo Takatsu pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Matt Thornton (1-2), making his first major league start, gave up three runs on seven walks and three hits in five innings.

Athletics 16, Indians 7: Pinch-hitter Erubiel Durazo's grand slam at Jacobs Field helped Mark Mulder win his 10th straight decision for Oakland.

Mulder (12-2) was sharp early, then faltered and gave up six runs over 6 1/2 innings. He still tied San Francisco's Jason Schmidt for the longest winning streak in the majors this year.

Travis Hafner had four hits, including his 10th homer, and four RBIs for Cleveland.

Rick White (3-4) took the loss in relief as Oakland snapped a four-game losing streak.

Tigers 4, Twins 2: Dmitri Young hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the sixth inning and Nate Robertson pitched into the seventh inning for the visiting Tigers.

Ivan Rodriguez, Omar Infante and Marcus Thames also hit solo shots as the Tigers won their 41st game, only two short of their total for 2003 when they lost an AL-record 119 games.

Robertson (8-4) pitched 6 1/2 innings, giving up seven hits and two runs — both unearned. Upstart Urbina worked the ninth for his 14th save.

Brad Radke (5-5) took the loss for Minnesota.

Griffey Jr. goes on DL with injured hamstring

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ken Griffey Jr. went on the 15-disabled list Sunday with a torn right hamstring and will miss the All-Star Game.

The Cincinnati outfielder was injured Saturday night while trying to run down Brady Clark's fourth-inning drive to right-center in the fourth inning of a 5-0 loss to Milwaukee. An MRI exam

Sunday revealed a partial tear of the muscle. Griffey plans to go to Houston to participate in ceremonies, but will not take part in the Home Run Derby or Tuesday's game, Reds spokesman Rob Butcher said. He will be replaced on the NL roster.

Griffey was voted an All-Star starter for the 12th time last weekend. He missed more than a month with a torn hamstring that bothered him throughout the 2001 season. He spent two long stints on the disabled list with a torn patella tendon and a torn right hamstring in 2002, then went to the DL twice again last year for a dislocated right shoulder and torn ankle tendon.

All four active players with 500 homers had been scheduled to compete in Monday's Home Run Derby: Barry Bonds (681), Sammy Sosa (553), Rafael Palmeiro (540) and Griffey (501).

Mariners designate Aulifia for assignment, activate Ibanez

CHICAGO — The slumping Seattle Mariners designated shortstop Rich Aulifia for assignment on Saturday and activated Rafael Ibanez from the 15-day disabled list.

Aulifia was hitting .241 for the Mariners with four home runs and 28 RBIs in 73 games. He signed a one-year contract with the Mariners in the offseason after eight years with the San Francisco Giants.

The club has 10 days to release, trade or send Aulifia outright to the minors. If he is released, Seattle would be responsible for the remainder of his \$3.15 million salary.

"The writing was on the wall for something to happen," Aulifia said.

'El Duque' Hernandez starts for Yankees

NEW YORK — Orlando Hernandez returned to the New York Yankees sooner than expected and started Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in place of Mike Mussina.

Hernandez, believed to be 38, had been expected to make at least one more rehabilitating start for Columbus before the Yankees considered whether to activate him.

After defecting from Cuba, Hernandez joined the Yankees in 1998 season and helped them to three straight World Series titles and four AL pennants in five years.



Streaking Cardinals are 8-0 in homestand

By R.B. FALLSTROM
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jim Edmonds is healthy and making a big impact during the St. Louis Cardinals' perfect homestand.

Edmonds homered for the fourth straight game and Jeff Suppan worked six innings, helping the Cardinals beat the Chicago Cubs 5-2 on Saturday for their eighth consecutive victory.

Edmonds missed five starts in center field at the end of last month and early July with a groin injury, and the team has clicked since his return.

"I think those couple of days off helped a lot," Edmonds said. "I'm just trying to stay in the lineup and do my job."

Ray Lankford, Hector Luna and So Taguchi drove in a run apiece for the NL Central leaders, who are 8-0 on the homestand with one game to go before the All-Star break and have won 10 straight at home overall. The Cardinals are 31-8 against the Cubs at Busch Stadium since 2000 and have an NL-best 54 victories.

Sammy Sosa was 2-for-4 with a homer and double, but fouled out against Jason Irahinghausen with a runner on in the eighth and the Cardinals leading 3-2.

Suppan (8-5) allowed two runs on seven hits in six innings with six strikeouts and no walks. In his last three starts, Suppan is 2-0 with a 1.69 ERA.

Five relievers combined on hitless relief the last three innings. Irahinghausen got five outs for his 21st save in 25 chances.

The bullpen has allowed two earned runs in the last 29 innings.

Tony Womack walked to start the bottom of the first and went to third on Clement's wild pickoff throw. Lankford, making his first start since June 30, followed with an RBI single.

With two outs, Edmonds hit his 20th homer over the left-field wall for a 3-0 lead. Edmonds is batting .255 against the Cubs with 19 strikeouts in 47 at-bats, but has six homers and 11 RBIs in 15 games.



San Diego Padres second baseman Mark Loretta makes a late tag as Colorado's Aaron Miles steals second in the fourth inning of Saturday's game. AP

Hampton blanks first-place Phils

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Mike Hampton pitched eight shutout innings and rookie Charles Thomas homered twice, leading the Atlanta Braves to a 4-0 victory over the NL East-leading Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday.

Hampton (4-8) allowed five hits, struck out five and walked two. It was his longest outing since throwing a complete game in a loss to Arizona on May 18. Hampton beat Philadelphia for the first time since Sept. 23, 2000, when he was a member of the New York Mets.

Phillies starter Paul Abbott (0-3) went six innings, allowing five hits and two runs — on solo homers by Thomas and Rafael Furcal. Furcal hit two three-run homers Friday in a 7-6, 10-inning loss to the Phillies.

John Smoltz, who blew his second save of the season Friday, pitched the ninth Saturday to preserve the victory and pull Atlanta within two games of the Phils.

Rockies 6, Padres 2: Aaron Cook took a shutout into the seventh inning and Jeremy Burnitz and Todd Greene each hit solo homers, helping the visiting Rockies to their third straight victory.

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Cook (4-3) allowed one run on eight hits with three strikeouts and three walks. He pitched out of trouble all day, stranding 10 baserunners in six-plus innings.

Brian Lawrence (10-6) lasted only four innings for the Padres, who have lost four in a row. He gave up three runs on six hits.

Marlins 5, Mets 2: Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer and Ben Howard pitched out of a seventh-inning jam to help the Marlins beat the Mets.

Florida won for only the third time in 10 games, beating Tom Glavine (7-7). He allowed four runs in six innings, and his career record in Miami fell to 6-12 with an ERA of 4.40.

Brad Penny (8-7) shut out New York for six innings but ran into trouble in the seventh. Howard retired Cliff Floyd and Richard Hidalgo with the bases loaded to preserve a 4-2 lead.

Armando Benitez got the final six outs, four by strikeout, for his 29th save in 31 chances.

Brewers 5, Reds 0: Ben Sheets threw eight shutout innings to lead host Milwaukee over Cincinnati.

Ken Griffey Jr. hurt his right hamstring while trying to run down Brady Clark's triple in the fourth inning. On Sunday, the Reds put the All-Star outfielder on the 15-day disabled list with a partial tear of the hamstring, which will keep him out of Monday's Home Run Derby and Tuesday's All-Star Game.

Sheets (9-5) allowed five singles, struck out eight and walked one to win his third consecutive start. He lowered his NL-leading ERA to 2.26. Luis Vizcaino pitched a perfect ninth to complete Milwaukee's sixth shutout.

Cory Lidle (7-6) took the loss.

Expos 4, Pirates 0: At San Juan, Puerto Rico, Rocky Biddle pitched five scoreless innings to win his first start in almost two years and Jamey Carroll drove in two runs for the Expos.

Biddle (1-4), making his first start since Sept. 25, 2002, with the Chicago White Sox, gave up two hits, one walk, struck out three and did not allow a runner past first base.

Montreal's primary closer (11 saves in 14 opportunities) took Zach Day's spot in the rotation because he was the only reliever available to start. Day was sidelined last week with right shoulder tendinitis.

Claudio Vargas, Joe Horgan and Luis Ayala combined to complete the four-hitter, Montreal's seventh shutout of the season.

Kip Wells (4-6) allowed four runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Giants 3, Diamondbacks 1: Barry Bonds was intentionally walked three times to break his season record and Brett Tomko took a shutout into the eighth inning to lead the Giants over visiting Arizona.

Bonds' 71 intentional walks before the All-Star break tops the 68 he received in the 2002 season.

J.T. Snow hit a two-run homer as the Giants won their third in four games.

Tomko (4-5) did not allow a runner past first base through seven innings and retired 10 of 11 at one point. He gave up one run on five hits and did not walk a batter in 7 1/3 innings.

Brandon Webb (3-9) lasted 6 1/3 innings, allowing three runs on eight hits, walking five and striking out six.

Alvarez, Dodgers get the better of Clemens, Astros

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Even a grizzled veteran like Wilson Alvarez gets pumped up when he pitches against Roger Clemens.

Alvarez outpitched the six-time Cy Young winner and batterymate Paul Lo Duca tuned up for his second straight All-Star game with a three-run homer to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

"It's an honor to beat him. This is a day I have to celebrate, because you don't see that every day," said Alvarez, who made his big league debut in 1989. "When you

face a guy like that, it's like, 'Hey, I'm facing The Man. I'm facing Clemens. I'm facing one of the best.'"

"When you pitch against a guy like that, it's all motivation. He is somebody I always looked up to."

Alvarez (3-3), making his second spot start since Hideo Nomo went on the disabled list, allowed a run and three hits in six-plus innings.

Eric Gagne pitched two perfect innings — striking out Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent in the ninth — for his 23rd save this season and 86th in his last 87

attempts. The NL Cy Young winner also broke Jeff Shaw's club record for saves with his 130th.

Clemens (10-3) allowed three runs and four hits over seven innings and struck out eight in his first game at Dodger Stadium. It was the 36th major-league stadium in which he's pitched.

He received a warm reception from the crowd of 46,321 as he walked to the mound for the first inning.

Clemens gave up just two hits before the tide turned in the third, thanks to pesky Dave Roberts, who leads the Dodgers with

28 stolen bases. He coaxed a leadoff walk on a 3-2 pitch and swiped second after several throws to first by Clemens.

"You just try and wear him out, if you can," Clemens said. "Those two guys, Roberts and (Cesar) Izturis, can do a lot of things, so it's your advantage to keep them off base. I can compare them to those first two guys with Florida in the World Series last year. They can cause you some trouble."

Izturis followed with a bloop double just inside the right-field line, and Lo Duca cranked the next pitch into the left-field bullpen for his second home run in three days against the Astros.

Jones doesn't qualify for Olympics 100

By ROB GLOSTER

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Perhaps it was the stress of fighting doping allegations. Maybe it was the physical and emotional strains of motherhood. Or perhaps time, and a new generation of sprinters, are finally catching up with her.

Marion Jones failed to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team in the 100 meters Saturday night, losing out on a chance to defend her gold medal in her signature event at the Athens Games.

Jones started quickly but seemed to struggle as the race progressed and finished fifth in the final at the U.S. Olympic trials. The top three finishers automatically make the team.

Jones, who won five medals at the 2000 Sydney Games, still can make the Olympic team if she qualifies in the 200 meters or long jump. Or she could be picked for a relay team.

The defeat comes at a difficult time for perhaps the biggest U.S. Olympic star. She is under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, although she has repeatedly denied using drugs and has not been charged by USADA.

The 28-year-old Jones, who seemed a little stunned in the last few strides of the race as she realized she was not going to qualify, walked off the track smiling and even signed a couple of autographs for



Latasha Colander celebrates her win in the women's 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials in Sacramento, Calif.

fans. But she walked quickly past a horde of reporters.

Jones, known for her bubbly personality

and media savvy, was escorted by a personal bodyguard as she stormed off the track without answering questions.

"When I talk, you guys have something negative to say. When I don't talk, you have something negative to say," she said. "I'd rather not talk and spend the time with my son."

Jones has a 1-year-old son with Tim Montgomery, the world record holder in the men's 100.

Latasha Colander won the final in 10.97 seconds, tied for second fastest in the world this year. World champion Torri Edwards was second in 11.02 and NCAA champion Lauryn Williams took the third Olympic spot in 11.10.

Gail Devers, a two-time Olympic champion in the 100, was fourth in 11.11, followed by Jones in 11.14.

Jones once dominated the 100. In addition to being the reigning Olympic champion, she is a former two-time world champion and had a streak of 42 straight wins in finals from 1997 to 2001.

Jones' boyfriend, Montgomery, advanced to the semifinals of the men's 100 by finishing fourth in his quarterfinal heat with a time of 10.16 seconds.

Montgomery has been charged with steroid use by USADA and faces a lifetime ban if found guilty.

Even if he makes the U.S. team, he still must await a ruling in his case by the

Swiss-based Court of Arbitration for Sport. If the CAS rules against him, Montgomery would be barred from the Athens Games.

The fastest time in the men's 100 quarterfinals was 10.00 by Shawn Crawford, followed by John Capel in 10.01. Fourth fastest was reigning Olympic champ Maurice Greene (10.06), who is back in top form after two years of lullerest results.

Greene used to hold the world record of 9.79 until Montgomery broke that by a hundredth of a second in 2002. If Montgomery is found guilty of doping, he likely will forfeit the world record and it will revert to Greene.

Olympic silver medalist Adam Nelson won the shot put with a mark of 71 feet, and was joined on the U.S. squad by Reese Hoffa and John Godina. Godina will be competing in his third Olympics — he won silver in 1996 and bronze in 2000.

Christian Cantwell, who has the four longest throws in the world this season, finished fourth and failed to qualify for the Olympics. He fouled on five of his six attempts.

Shelia Burrell won the heptathlon. Joining her on the U.S. team for the Athens Games will be Tiffany Lott-Hogan, who finished second Saturday, and Michelle Perry.

Chyriste Gaines, who along with Montgomery is among the four sprinters charged with steroid use by USADA, finished fifth in her 100 semifinal and did not qualify for the final.

Phelps wins third event in trials, gets swimming baton from Spitz

By PAUL NEWBERRY

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LONG BEACH, Calif. — Mark Spitz draped the medal around Michael Phelps' neck and pulled the teenager close, whispering in his ear.

Then Spitz hopped atop the podium, held Phelps' right hand in the air and pointed at him as if to say, "He's the man now."

The swimming baton was passed Saturday.

Michael Phelps made it three in a row at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials, dominating the 200-meter butterfly to stay on course in his bid to break Spitz's record of seven gold medals.

In a symbolic moment, the two met for the first time during the award ceremony. It seemed as if Spitz was giving his blessing for the 19-year-old to take down one of sport's most revered records when he gets to Athens next month.

"I think he really has a chance to do this," said Spitz, who won his seven golds at the 1972 Munich Games. "That's one of the things I told him."

The only disappointment for Phelps: He came up just short of his own world record in the 200 fly, going out a little too fast and fading to a time of 1 minute, 54.31 seconds. The mark that still stands, 1:53.93, was set at last year's world championships.

It was Phelps' third individual win of the trials, following a world-record performance in the 400 individual medley and Fri-

day's victory in the 200 freestyle. He has three more individual events to swim at the trials, facing his busiest schedule yet on Sunday and Monday. If all goes well, he will swim eight races over those two days.

"I'm feeling pretty good right now," he said.

Phelps also has earned a spot on the 800 freestyle relay team and hopes to swim the other two relays, as well, giving him as many as nine chances to eclipse Spitz.

And now — finally — the two have met.

"Wow!" Phelps said. "That's probably one of the most exciting moments I've had in sports."

Former world record-holder Tom Malchow won the 200 fly at the Sydney Games, while Phelps finished fifth at age 15. The tide turned over the past four years, with Phelps maturing into the world's most dominant swimmer. Malchow also is likely to make the team after finishing second to Phelps, though he's fallen far behind the teenager. The defending Olympic gold medalist was more than three seconds behind at 1:57.37.

"Something's not right," the 27-year-old Malchow said. "I don't know if it's physical or mental. I'm getting a little older, and I really felt it this weekend."

In the women's 200 freestyle, 16-year-old Dana Vollmer upset American record-holder Lindsay Benko in the final. Benko scratched from the 400 free to focus on the shorter event, but Vollmer caught her at the finish

to win with a time of 1:59.20.

Benko held on for second at 1:59.29, while Kaitlin Sandeno and Rhi Jeffrey also earned relay spots by finishing third and fourth.

Vollmer has a rare ailment that could cause her heart to stop at any time. She keeps a defibrillator nearby while competing, but refuses to give up the sport she loves.

In the other final Saturday, 15-year-old Katie Hoff knocked off three-time Olympian Amanda Beard in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:12.06. Hoff is a member of the same swim club as Phelps, North Baltimore.

Beard took second and a likely Olympic spot at 2:12.43. Both already had made the team by winning other events — Beard the 100 breaststroke, Hoff the 400 IM.

In the men's 100 freestyle, tensions between eight-time Olympic medalist Gary Hall Jr. and Jason Lezak bubbled over again after they met for the first time.

Lezak, who earned his lone gold by swimming a relay prelim at Sydney, bristled at comments by Hall's agent, David Arluck, who compared any talk of a rivalry to "Spud Webb kicking Michael Jordan in the shins."

"Spud Webb was never the fastest sprinter in the world, which I was in 2002," Lezak said. "I don't know what those guys are thinking about."

At the spring nationals, Hall accused Lezak of spitting in his lane before a race, calling it a weak attempt to psych out his opponent.



Former Olympian Mark Spitz raises the hand of Michael Phelps after Phelps won the 200 meter butterfly at the U.S. Olympic swim trials.

But Lezak has never acknowledged the spitting, saying it's hard to consider Hall an adversary when he spends much of his time "away from the pool in non-Olympic years."

"Honestly, he hasn't been around here for four years," Lezak said. "He just shows up for

the Olympics."

Lezak sent a message in the semifinals, setting an American record of 48.17. Hall put up the third best time, 49.30, sending them both to Sunday's final.

"I'm one step closer to making the team," Hall said. "It's just a race now."



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Shaq's agent says star OKs trade

Heat would send Lakers three starters, No. 1 pick

By Mike Branom

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Shaquille O'Neal would be happy to be traded to the Miami Heat.

That word came Saturday from O'Neal's agent, Perry Rogers, who told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel that O'Neal has given his blessing to a deal that would send him to Miami.

"We've said that we would agree to a trade," Rogers said in a story posted Saturday night on the newspaper's Web site. "I think that's going to happen. I'd be very surprised if it didn't happen."

The Los Angeles Times, citing team and

league sources, reported on its Web site Saturday night that the Lakers have in agreed in principle to trade O'Neal to the Heat for Lamar Odom, Caron Butler, Brian Grant and a first-round pick. The newspaper said the Lakers declined to comment on the trade.

A deal cannot be completed until Wednesday when a two-week leaguewide moratorium on trades and free agent signings expires.

"It's very serious. I think it's very close to getting done," said Grant's agent, Mark Bartelstein.

Greeted by reporters as he was leaving a gym near his Orlando mansion, O'Neal said he had not yet met with Heat Presi-

dent Pat Riley and declined to comment on a possible trade.

"I can't say anything about that today," said O'Neal, flashing a big smile.

But ESPN, the Sun-Sentinel and the Times reported that O'Neal joined his representatives for a three-hour meeting that included Riley and Heat General Manager Randy Pfund.

O'Neal's contract runs for two more seasons with a combined salary of almost \$39 million, and he was angered earlier this season when the Lakers refused to offer him an extension.

Rogers said the Heat had not discussed a new contract with O'Neal.

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Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal exits Gold's Gym in Orlando, Fla., after a workout Saturday.

Jones' 100-meter hopes dashed



DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Marion Jones catches her breath after finishing fifth in the 100 meters at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials Saturday, in Sacramento, Calif. Jones, who won the event at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney but has been under investigation by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, did not qualify for the upcoming Athens Olympics in her signature event. See story on Page 30.



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